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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.37	8.00	8.25	9.15	10.09	12.02	1.15	2.37	3.00
Yau Ma Tei ...Dep.	6.45	8.08	8.33	9.23	10.17	12.10	1.23	2.45	3.08
Shatin ...Dep.	6.57	8.20	8.45	9.35	10.29	12.22	1.35	2.57	3.20
Taipei ...Dep.	7.11	8.34	9.00	9.49	10.43	12.36	1.49	3.11	3.34
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.16	8.39	9.05	9.54	10.48	12.41	1.54	3.16	3.39
Fanning ...Dep.	7.27	8.50	9.15	10.04	10.58	12.51	2.04	3.26	3.49
Shung Shui ...Dep.	7.32	8.55	9.20	10.09	11.03	12.56	2.09	3.31	3.54
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Reuter's Cologne correspondent writes:—

A private detective has laid by the heels one of the most daring and impudent of post-war international criminals, who is "wanted" in many European countries and on whose head, it is said, a price of £1,000 has been set. His name is Ludwig Oertel, alias von Egloffstein, with many other high-sounding names used as occasion required, and his picture, with details of some of the crimes for which he will now be brought to book and the offer of an ever-increasing reward, has been constantly thrown on the screen at every cinema in Germany for months past.

Fid For Freedom.

The private detective saw him in a restaurant in the suburbs of Cologne, and, not wishing to make a scene, told him to walk two paces ahead to the nearest police station. The detective, of course, holding no warrant for the man's arrest. For answer Oertel struck him on the head with a water bottle and bolted. The detective, although partially stunned, dashed out and saw him board a passing tram-car. He gave chase in a commandeered motor-car, and when his map alighted a desperate struggle occurred, but ultimately the police arrived and the criminal was secured in a very damaged condition.

He admitted that he had been lying low in Berlin plying a trade as a hawker; that recently he had established a "fair" on the Dutch frontier in order to be able to slip over the border quite easily at the first alarm, and that he had been lured into a sense of false security, and had ventured into Cologne. He had not been in the city an hour before he was recognised by the smart private detective.

War Work!

During the war Oertel pursued his criminal career on a large scale. At one time he posed as a delegate of the American Red Cross Relief Society in Rumania, and actually stole a number of trains loaded with foodstuffs, clothing, and medical stores. His chief exploits since the war have been thefts of State documents from the Mauthausen Prison, Berlin, and from other Government offices. In 1925 he was arrested, and tried to commit suicide in court by taking poison. He was convicted and removed to the prison infirmary, whence he made his escape, and had succeeded in keeping at liberty till now. Many other big crimes are debited to his account.

"ADVERSE CRITICISMS."

ASSURANCE COMPANY OFFICIALS ON REASON FOR FAILURE.

The creditors and shareholders of the Lancashire and General Assurance Company, Ltd., of Pall Mall, S.W., and with numerous branches throughout the country, met at Bankruptcy Buildings, Cary-street, W.C., under the compulsory winding-up order recently obtained by creditors.

Mr. H. E. Burgess, Senior Official Receiver, said the company's issued capital was £75,000, of which £43,100 only was paid up.

In March 1923 the company advertised and issued a prospectus inviting subscriptions for one million shares of 1s. each, but owing to adverse criticism in the Press only about £200 was subscribed. Accounts showed that the 1925 claims amounted to £21,501, approximately 29 per cent. of the premium income of £73,671 for that year, which led to the conclusion that the company must have undertaken a very considerable amount of risky business.

Liabilities were estimated at £41,000. So far as could be judged the assets would not realise sufficient to satisfy the costs, charges, and expenses of the winding-up. The failure was attributed by the officials of the company to adverse newspaper criticism and insufficient capital.

The liquidation was left in the hands of the Official Receiver.

A CITY HELD UP!

BY A FEW MEN AND TWO BOYS.

HOW BANDITS RAIDED CHENGWANGKUAN.

ASHWEN, Aug. 21th.

Chengwangkuan has had its little bandit experience: very little as compared with what other cities have suffered in days not long gone by.

About the middle of the month of August all soldiers were withdrawn from this city and district to Liannchow and Luchowfu, as a result of the taking of Pengpu by Northern forces. The city was thus left for the time being without any protection whatever.

In a day or two a number of about 100 men strayed in retreating from Pengpu, but they contributed nothing to the defence of the city. About 10.30 o'clock, on Friday night, the 19th inst., we were disturbed by a fierce fusillade in the street passing our door, and later by a loud hammering, accompanied by shots, at the door of an hotel nearly opposite, and later at the door of the telegraph office, also nearly opposite. Our own door was not molested. The bandits consisted of 30 men and two boys in their early teens, all armed. They left during the afternoon of the next day, Saturday, the 20th inst., the city having put together and given them \$10,000, and they having taken from homes and shops goods amounting to almost the same value. They insisted on the city providing them with an escort to ensure their safety in leaving, and eighteen citizens perforce accompanied them.

When away from the city, these were not permitted to return, but forced themselves, to no one's surprise, held for ransom. But before they were many miles away from the city, they were met by a company of about 50 soldiers from Showchow, who at once engaged the bandits, with the result, according to report, that two of the latter were killed and one wounded. Also, the whole of the "escort" escaped while their captors were occupied with their own defence. The bandits, however, were not prevented from getting away with the rest of their loot.

Yesterday the first T'wan of General Ma Chang Ping's troops arrived to occupy the city, so citizens now breathe freely again. Thus 30 men and two boys held up a city of thirty thousand inhabitants, including a company of 100 soldiers.—Shanghai Mercury.

REDS SMUGGLED INTO BRITAIN.

ONE-DAY TICKET TRICK.

MOSCOW STILL PLOTTING.

Stringent as are the precautions already taken by the Home Office and the Special Branch of Scotland Yard against the admission of undesirable aliens to Great Britain, new methods are being devised by the authorities to keep out of the country foreigners to whom passport facilities would not be granted.

For a time after the official Soviet diplomatic and political representatives were cleared out of London the work of the revolutionary organisation of the Communist Party in Britain came almost to a standstill, because the transmission of money from, and secret communication with, the offices of the Third International at Moscow has been rendered impossible.

Now the British Communist coffers have been refilled, and a beginning has been made with a campaign directed from Moscow to create another industrial upheaval, and particularly intended to produce conflict in the coal-fields about the end of the year.

The Communist Party here has established contact with Moscow and instructions to it are being conveyed by Soviet messengers who can smuggle themselves through the ports.

One method by which these alien-couriers can reach Britain is to travel from the Continent with one-day excursion tickets. They wait at places such as Boulogne until a confederate, who buys two tickets in England, arrives and hands over the return half of one. There are no passport requirements and the foreigner can come on to London without challenge. Action to prevent this is, it is understood, to be taken immediately by the authorities.—Daily Mail.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Bankruptcy Court sitting at Supreme Court.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.
Cricket: Indians v. Royal Engineers, I.R.C. ground, 2 p.m.
Bowls: 2nd Interport Trial Match, Craigsgower C.C. green, 3.30 p.m.

St. Peter's Y.M.C. Launch Picnic. Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 3.45 p.m.

Hong Kong Baseball League: Filicinas v. H.K.B.C., Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.

Ping Pong League: W.Y.O.B.U. v. Y.M.C.A. (S.C.A.A.).

Dinner Dances at King Edward Hotel.

Carnival Dinner Dance, Repulse Bay Hotel. (Whitely Smith's Jazz Band).

International Race and Recreation Club of Macao open-air dance, Race Course Pavilion, Macao, 8.30 p.m.

"Revelers" Concert Party at Kowloon Football Club, 9 p.m.

Forbes Russell Comedy Company present "Bluebird's Eighth Wife," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Oriental Strolling Players and 1st Northamptonshire Regimental Band, Lee Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "A Kiss for Cinderella" (Sir James Barrie Play).

World Theatre: "The Ragman" (Jackie Coogan).

Star Theatre: "The Golden Cocker" (Jackie Coogan).

Principal Mails.—Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Derwent), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Carthartha), 10 a.m.

Sunday.

14th Sunday after Trinity.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.

Gymkhana Race meeting at Macao.

Cricket: I.R.C. and XI. v. Indian Merchants, I.R.C. ground, 2 p.m.

Inter-Departmental Bowls.—Final: Police v. Sanitary Department, C.S.C.C. green, Happy Valley, 3.45 p.m.

H.K. Baseball League: Japanese v. "Dragons" (S.C.A.A.) final match, Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.

Formal opening of New Sindi Merchants' Club, 7th floor, China Building, 4 p.m.

Social gathering St. John's Cathedral Hall (after Evensong), 6 p.m.

Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.—Men's Meetings: "Cheer O", 7.45 p.m.; "Better Ole", 8 p.m.

Open-air Concert by military band, Kowloon Dock. Bathing Beach, 8.30 p.m.

After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.

Principal Mails.—Inward: America, Canada, etc. and Europe via Siberia (President Cleveland), 4 p.m.

Monday.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m. and King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Ping Pong League: Tutorial Institute v. C.R.C. (C.C.Y.M.S.).

Forbes Russell Comedy Company present "The House of Unrest," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Principal Mails.—Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Derwent), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Hakone Maru), 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.

Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.

Ping Pong League: Club de Recreio v. St. Louis (Y.M.C.A.).

After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.

Forbes Russell Comedy Company present "Half-a-Loaf" at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Principal Mails.—Inward: Canada, America, etc. (Empress of Canada), 4 p.m.

Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Derwent), 10.30 p.m.; Canada, America, etc., Europe via Siberia and via Victoria, B.C. (President Lincoln), 5 p.m.

Wednesday.

St. Matthew's Day.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m. and King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Ping Pong League: Hop Ying Club v. C.C.Y.M.S. (St. Peter's Club).

15th Night-Fete Victoria-Recreation Club, 9 p.m.

Forbes Russell Comedy Company present "Nothing but the Truth," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Principal Mails.—Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (Tango Maru), 9.30 a.m.

Thursday.

Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

3rd Annual Swimming Gala of local military forces, R.A.S.C. Camber, 2.30 p.m.

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The spirit of this youthful hero is not unique. Children are full of pity, full of enthusiasm, full of desire to help the poor and suffering. It is only necessary to appeal to their imaginations and the warm heart of youth overflows in sympathy.

In the East it is more necessary even than at home to evoke this spirit of social service for children. Their lives are much more artificial. They do not know the delights of playing in fields of daisies and buttercups or getting on friendly terms with village children—or even with dogs, pigs, cows and poultry. They have to be careful not to play out in the hot sun, they are always under the eye of an amah, they go for prim walks along asphalt paths, they are waited on by adorning servants. Therefore, the M.C.L. steps in to help the parent who fears the development of "spoilt darlings."

The Ministering Children's League—the oldest children's society in the Empire—is world wide in its endeavours, and in Hong Kong it has taken firm roots. Last year in spite of boycott difficulties it raised \$14,000 for distribution among local and home charities. This year it is hoped by means of the Fun O' The Fair to increase this sum substantially.

The Hong Kong Women's Guild was founded as a support to the M.C.L. It fulfils a double purpose. It strengthens the work of the children by enlisting the interest and membership of their mothers and aunts and sisters and it is a means of bringing all communities together in an effort for the common-weal. One of the pleasantest features of the preliminary work for the Fun O' The Fair has been the splendid way in which all communities have joined generously in the scheme.

It may be well to remind the public that the M. C. L. has assisted the following charities in the past:-

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Victoria Home.
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Hong Kong Benevolent Society.
Home for the Aged Poor, Kowloon.

Home.

M.C.L. Cots at Ottershaw.
Trafalgar Home for Orphans.
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home.
Orphan Homes of Scotland (Quarriers).
Imperial Merchant Service Guild.
Evelina Hospital for Children.
London Hospital Children's Ward.
Officers' Families' Fund.
Society for Providing Homes for Widows and Strays.
Shaftesbury Homes and Archway.
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The joint Secretaries for the Fun O' The Fair to be held on October 1st at Lee Gardens are Mrs. T. H. King, 381, The Peak, Mr. Peter Pau, The Union, Hong Kong University.

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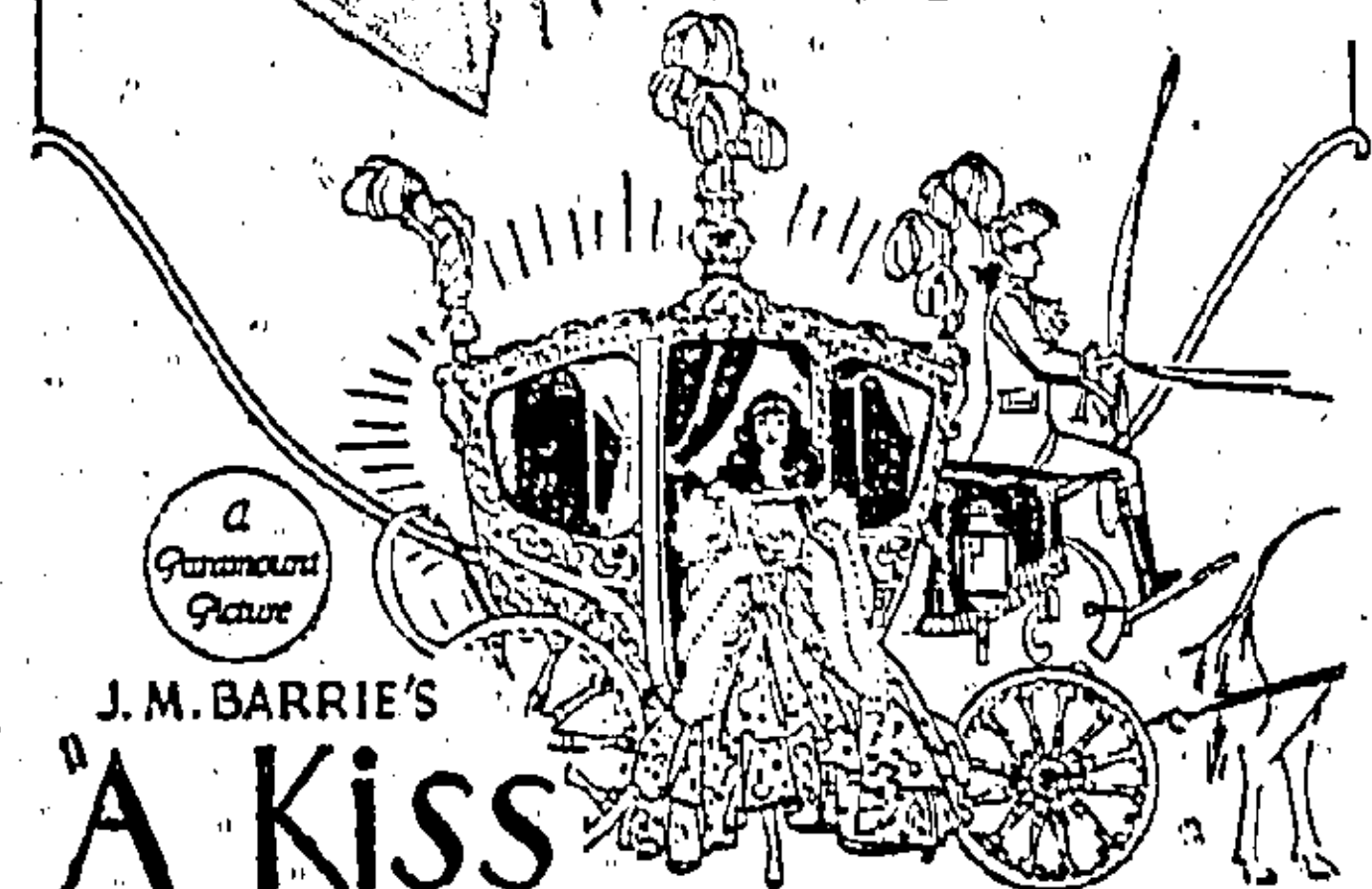
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INTERESTING SPEECHES AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The 49th annual meeting of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society was held at the City Hall last evening, there being a fair attendance of members.

The Chairman gave an interesting review of the successful state of the Society's finances and their healthy appearance, and also dealt with various activities of the Society and the loss sustained through the deaths of members.

An interesting proposal put forward by Mr. R. Sutherland met with unanimous approval. This was that the St. Andrew's Society should extend the hand of friendship as from the Scottish element of the Colony to all Scottish troops in the Colony and hold an "at home," to take the form of an Athletic Meeting in the near future. The meeting gave the Committee open authority to spend all necessary monies on the project, and promised its heartiest support to whatever was done.

Mr. D. Templeton was elected as the new President of the Society and other officers were also appointed.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. D. Templeton (Vice-President), in the absence on leave of the retiring President, Mr. R. M. Dyer.

There were also present on the platform: Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. R. Sutherland and Dr. G. D. R. Black (Past Presidents), Messrs. A. Stevenson, G. M. Shaw, K. E. Greig and A. K. Henderson (members of the Committee), Mr. W. Beveridge (Hon. Treasurer), together with Messrs. Peter Tod and R. O. Sutherland (Joint Hon. Secretaries).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The first business was to submit the annual report and accounts, reference to which was recently made in these columns.

In doing this, Mr. D. Templeton said: In the absence of our President it falls on me as his deputy to take his place.

It is with regret and apologies that Mr. Dyer is unable to preside to-night, but I am sure we are all pleased to know that he will soon be with us again. As a substitute I shall endeavour to fill his place and give an account of our stewardship during the past year—the good results being in the main due to our President's well-known enthusiasm and generosity.

The financial position of the Society is sound and there is a still further increase of funds at our credit. Advantage has been taken of the favourable exchange as between Singapore and Hong Kong to transfer our investments from the Straits Loan to deposit at 5 per cent in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in Hong Kong and the incoming Committee would do well to earmark this money for investment in the proposed Hong Kong Loan at 6 per cent.

We shall thus have our money giving benefit to the Colony in whose future we are all interested and in whose future prosperity and progress we have unbounded faith. Charity calls have not been heavy during the past year which, in every way, is a matter for congratulation when consideration is given to present conditions in China. Our thanks are due to Mr. R. L. Moncrieff for auditing the accounts.

J. R. M. Smith Scholarship.

You will have noticed under Investment Account the sum of \$500 in 1923/1924 War Loan. This money is held in trust by this Society for the J. R. M. Smith Scholarship and will, with its interest, be shown in future in a separate account. The interest each year provides a scholarship or prize for children of Scottish parentage, but we are informed by the Inspector of Schools that no pupil with birth qualification had reached the standard necessary for examination last year. This is under the direction of the Education Department and applies to the Junior and Senior Local Examinations.

The Ball and The Burns Dinner.

One and all will agree that our last St. Andrew's Ball was a most successful function and the Burns Dinner on the anniversary of our National Bard's Birth was carried through with the feelings proper to such an occasion. It is of interest to note that the substantial credit balance of \$740.43 from the Ball account has been transferred to credit of the General Account.

For the great success of these functions our best thanks are due to the conveyors and members of the sub-committee whose tasks were no sinecure and demanded, for the success attained, much hard work and thought.

I am sure everyone present at our last Ball must have been impressed with the enthusiasm which marked our National Dances and with the large numbers actively participating in them. Without doubt this great improvement is mainly through the activities of the Reel Club and our thanks are due to Mr. R. O. Sutherland and his Executive. The small assistance given by your Committee has been amply repaid and I am sure we all wish the Reel Club still further success.

Loss By Death.

The past year has given us cause to mourn the loss of five members of this Society. William Wilson was a close personal friend of mine and of others here. That friendship which cannot be effaced. A typical Scot—dour but with a heart of gold—proud of his country and jealous of his country's honour. His passing leaves a sadness.

A. W. Barclay was a younger man not so well known but he had prospects of going far in his profession. We regret his tragic death in the prime of life.

T. W. Hill was a friend to most of us here and is well remembered for his work as Secretary of this Society. His serious breakdown in health was directly due to his war service but his cheerfulness under adversity was an example to remember.

Donald Clement Logan has left a mark in this Colony such as happens to few and we as individuals and as a Society will miss him. He made a brilliant name for himself as a youngster and his young manhood was marked by a natural dignity and a very cheery outlook on life. Donald Logan is sadly missed.

C. W. Alexander, of Nemaze and Company, died about April. It appears to me that we should take notice of the passing of these members officially by conveying our regrets to their relatives and I trust that the incoming Committee will act on this suggestion.

Scottish Company.

It has been usual for your Chairman at this meeting to refer to the Scottish Company, H.K.D.C., which has been, and I trust, shall continue to be of special interest to St. Andrew's Society. It continues to prosper though they have received a severe blow through the loss of their Commanding Officer.

The Church of Scotland was well attended and we are indebted to Mr. Macdonachie for his interest and help in what is now established as an annual event. May I impress on all young Scotsmen the necessity for joining up with the Defence Corps and in particular with the Scottish Company. Remember the motto—"Aye ready" but in addition—"Be Prepared."

Troops in Colony.

Remembering H. M. Scottish troops in the Colony, it is your Committee's opinion that we, as a corporate body, should do something towards entertainment for the boys who have come amongst us for our protection and later on Mr. Sutherland will give us a lead for discussion and, I trust, approval.

Membership of the Society continues to increase and last year 53 new members joined. It is the earnest hope of your Committee that every member will act as a recruiting sergeant whenever a new comer arrives and bring him into the fold straight away. Let it be our proud boast that every men of Scottish race in this Colony is a member of our Scottish Society and I impress that it is the bounden duty of every Scotsman to be a member to maintain that Spirit of Pride of Race which has been, and may it ever remain, the strong inborn characteristic of the Scot.

In closing I desire to thank the Secretaries and Treasurer for their good work during the past year.

With these remarks, gentlemen, I propose the adoption of the report and accounts and after these have been seconded, I shall be very pleased to answer any questions, pertinent to them, which any member may bring forward.

Seconded's Speech.

Seconding the report and accounts, Mr. B. Wylie said: Mr. Vice-President and gentlemen, in rising to second the adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts I should like in the first place to congratulate the Society on the healthy state of its finances generally, and in particular for its having shown a credit balance in its Ball Account for last year.

I note with appreciation that this balance of \$740.43 has been transferred from the Ball Account to the General Account. I feel sure that members will agree that our Ball should pay for itself and stand on its own feet from year to year.

I endorse your remarks Mr. Chairman as regards the generosity of our President, Mr. Dyer. When viewing the Ball Account you will, I feel sure, agree that it was due to such generosity that we have such a substantial balance today.

Members will, I am confident, also agree to the transference from Singapore to Hong Kong of bonds and monies contained now in our Investment Account, and take pleasure in the prospect of these funds being invested in new Hong Kong Loan.

The setting out in our accounts of the sum invested in connection with the J.R.M. Smith Bequest under the heading of Trust Fund will also clarify our financial statement and allow members more readily to discern the nature of our various assets.

With these few remarks, Mr. Chairman, I take much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

The New President.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, proposing Mr. D. Templeton as the new President of the Society, said he had great pleasure in bringing his name forward. Mr. Templeton was one of the oldest members of the Society having joined over a quarter of a century ago, and not very long after that he was elected a member of the Committee.

He could vouch for the excellent work done by Mr. Templeton since he had been on the Committee, and not only on the Committee, but outside in the interests of the Society. (Applause.)

Mr. R. Sutherland, rising to second, said there was nothing he could add to what Mr. Bonnar had said. He had much pleasure in seconding.

Mr. Templeton was unanimously elected as President.

Following his election as President of the Society, Mr. Templeton said:

On an occasion such as this one's feelings are beyond mere words. Nevertheless I would be remiss and seemingly ungrateful were I not to say how very deeply I appreciate the great honour you have conferred on me. It is a great honour—the greatest honour a community of Scots could confer on a British Scot—and my appreciation is sincere.

This year marks my semi-jubilee as a member of this Society, and I have served on various Committees and Sub-Committees under practically every President since President Playfair's year in 1903.

Having that experience I cannot plead that I come to the Chair ignorant of what is expected and demanded of me and I am sensible that the position demands much more, very much more, than trying to look pretty and to appear comfortable on St. Andrew's night.

I am sensible of the proud traditions of this Society and the traditions established by my predecessors in the Chair and it shall be my endeavour to merit your confidence. But my endeavours will be in vain without your support and help and that I crave.

Gentlemen, I thank you.

Officers Elected.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Dr. Black, Mr. A. K. Henderson was unanimously elected as Vice-President of the Society.

Mr. Henderson suitably replied, thanking members for the honour they had conferred on him.

The Chairman announced that owing to pressure of business and other activities, the joint Hon. Secretaries (Messrs. P. Tod and R. O. Sutherland) were unable to carry on as Secretaries.

Happily they had been able to secure the services of Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. E. M. Bryden, and he proposed that these gentlemen be elected as joint Hon. Secretaries.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. Beveridge was unanimously re-elected as Hon. Treasurer.

The New Committee.

The following nominations were put forward for the new committee: Messrs. G. M. Shaw, D. Gow, A. Stevenson, K. E. Greig, B. Wylie, A. L. Shields, Peter Tod, J. Fleming and W. Ironside.

After a ballot the following five members were elected as the new Committee: Messrs. G. M. Shaw, D. Gow, K. E. Greig, B. Wylie and Peter Tod.

The Next Ball.

On the proposition of the President it was decided to hold the annual St. Andrew's Society Ball as usual, Friday, December 2nd, was suggested as a likely date, but the ultimate decision as to the date was left to the Committee.

Sports For Scottish Troops.

Mr. E. Sutherland, referring to the Chairman's remarks regarding Scottish troops, said that at the last Committee meeting a proposal was brought forward suggesting that the St. Andrew's Society might organize an "At Home" for Scottish regiments in the Colony. Although considerable efforts had been made by individuals and companies—particularly the Kowloon Dock with its bathing beach, etc.—there had been nothing from their Society which really represented the Scottish element in the Colony.

NEW VICTOR RECORDS



TO-DAY

S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd.

The Band of the 1st Battn.

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT,

(By kind permission of Lt.-Col. S. H. L. Thunder, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., and Officers),

and the

ORIENTAL STROLLING PLAYERS

at the

LEE THEATRE

TO-NIGHT, at 9.30 p.m.

Music! Revue! Dancing! Singing!

Booking at the Theatre or at Moutrie's

Prices:—\$3, \$2, \$1.

Servicemen in Uniform—Half Price.

It was very difficult to provide anything suitable during the summer, but it was thought that the time was ripe to give a sports meeting with Highland games included, at Happy Valley or any other suitable site.

The reason it was brought up at that meeting was that while entitled to spend monies at any time on matters of national importance—the Committee were only entitled to spend up to the revenue of one year, which would be sufficient. If they embarked on the scheme suggested, considerable expense would be entailed.

When they considered that these regiments, particularly reservists have come to the Colony and have not received any particular notice from the Society, they should pull themselves together and extend the hand of friendship, as had been done all over the world.

If the proposal went through, he hoped the members would co-operate and help the Society to ensure its success. (Applause.)

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie asked if Mr. Sutherland desired authority to spend money. He thought they could not do better, and would propose it if necessary. (Applause.)

Mr. Sutherland said that the feeling of the matter was generally in favour. The Committee want to carry out the scheme properly, but while assuring the members that money would not be spent unnecessarily, he invited them to grant open authority and proposed the following resolution:

"That the Committee of St. Andrew's Society be empowered to arrange a sports meeting for the entertainment of Scottish troops or others, and that they be allowed to expend from the Society's funds such monies as may be necessary for carrying out the scheme."

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie seconded, and the resolution was passed with acclamation.

Reel Club.

The President referred to the Reel Club, and announced that Mr. Sutherland would be glad to welcome further members to the class, which was now going strong, and was held every Wednesday. The entrance fee was \$2, and the annual subscription \$8. The membership was not confined to members to the St. Andrew's Society.

New Members.

The President announced that since the New Year ten new members had joined the Society, and a further thirteen had now been added. These members were then formally elected.

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"A MISERABLE COWARD."

HELPS IN ASSAULTING A GIRL.

WARNED TO MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS.

A Chinese, who assisted his friend to assault a girl was sternly dealt with by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

It appeared from the evidence that the girl was a waitress and owed a \$1 to a certain man. As she was on her way home on Thursday night, her creditor and another man waylaid her. They demanded the dollar which was owing, but the girl could not pay, whereupon both men started to assault her.

They were arrested by a Chinese constable and the girl was sent to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment, but she was not badly hurt and soon discharged.

Both defendants pleaded guilty, but said that they "only pushed" the complainant.

His Worship (to second defendant): What business is it of yours?

The money is not owing to you!

Second defendant: The first defendant is a friend of mine.

His Worship: That makes no difference. You have no business to push a girl about, you miserable coward.

The Magistrate observed that as the girl was not very badly handled he would fine the first defendant \$2, and order him to pay \$1 compensation. The \$1 owing by the girl need not be returned.

Addressing the second defendant, Mr. Lindell said: "In view of the fact that it was not your quarrel, I am going to fine you \$10 or fourteen days. That will teach you not to butt in another time."

At the request of Inspector Grant, both defendants were bound over in a personal bond to be of good behaviour for six months.

Votes of Thanks.

The new President proposed a vote of thanks to the past President, Mr. R. M. Dyer, whom he regretted was not present at the meeting, being away from the Colony on holiday.

This was carried with applause.

On the proposition of Mr. A. T. Hamilton, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman of the meeting, and this concluded the business.

EASY MONEY.

WATER WORKS AND ELECTRIC CO.

MORE TROOPS FOR CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Mr. Tam Tai Chi, a prominent Canton merchant and the Manager of the Water Works, who was arrested the other day for failing to contribute towards the forced Kuomintang loan of \$10,000,000, will be released upon his friends agreeing to stand surety for the payment of \$180,000.

The management of the Canton Electric Supply Company will also pay immediately \$180,000 to the Kuomintang war chest to avoid treatment similar to that meted out to the manager of the Water Works.

The defence of Canton City proper is to be strengthened by the return of the 3rd Regiment from Kowloon. This city is badly in need of more troops. At present rival groups competing for offices in the General Labour Union in Canton are having street wars in the vicinity of the Headquarters of the Union on Fung Ling Road and so far the Police have failed to control the situation.

According to the Canton Authorities, the silver dollars coined in memory of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen are of standard grade and should be circulated as a part of the local currency system. Many Cantonese have been refusing the coins.

The recent campaign against corrupt officials arising out of the attempt of members of the Ministry of Finance to remove all silver from the Central Bank of China of the Kuomintang in Canton has led to the resignation of many members of the present regime. Some have left their posts before their resignations were sanctioned. Now the Military Authorities have decided to put a stop to this, and no official may leave the city without the permission of Headquarters.

Canton hears that Mr. Wang Ching Wei, Chairman of the Kuomintang in Hankow who has been active lately in promoting a reconciliation between the Hankow and the Nanking factions of the Party, had to resign because of the opposition of the leaders of the Anhui and Chihkiang Provinces who no longer desire to associate with him in the Central Executive Committee. Canton also fears that General Tang Senz Chi, the foremost militarist of the Hankow faction, may launch an attack on Nanking.

Following the Nanking clique of which Hu Han Min and Chiang Kai Shek are still the recognized leaders are leaving the posts they have been occupying in Canton since the first return of Hu to power in the Lower Yangtze. The supporters of General Li Tsai Hsin have practically complete control over Canton.

The report that the followers of Gen. Chen Chiung Ming, at one time the foremost anti-Red leader in the South of China against the Kuomintang, are planning to attack the Boeans Tigers Fort guarding Canton City has not been confirmed. The authorities at the Fort, however, are taking no chances and special vigilance has been ordered.

The Canton Municipal Department of Public Utilities, under the pretext of improving the local water system, will take over the management of the Water Works, a private concern holding the monopoly of supplying the city with water. The Kuomintang is taking over the Water Works as it has already done with the railroads in Kwangtung. The Canton Electric Supply Company is the only large concern which has not been taken over from private ownership.

Mr. Chau Tien Pong, President of the Canton General Chamber of Commerce, is still afraid to return to Canton, because several films in which he is either a proprietor or managing partner have failed to pay the contributions demanded by the Military authorities towards the \$10,000,000 loan.

Bandits and pirates, calling themselves "Reds" are active in the silk districts of Nanchow and Shuntak. They are now demanding a tribute of \$200 a month from each of the 33 silk transporting junk companies plying between the silk centre and Canton.

ANTI-BRITISH AGITATION.

Inhabitants in Canton are again watching with concern the attempted renewal of the anti-British movement by the extremist section of the Kuomintang who actually ordered a boycott of British goods beginning from last Thursday. The majority of the Cantonese have never supported the movement which they know perfectly well is for political purposes and quite against their own interests and those of the city and the country.

British Authorities at Shamen have declared martial law and are now exercising special care as regards the defence of the island. Since the 15th, extra guards have been put on duty. The Canton Press declares that there is no cause for alarm.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—May I express through your columns the Committee's pleasure at, and thanks for, Sir Shouson Chow's reference, at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, to the Committee's efforts in organizing an agricultural show for the New Territories.

As the public is aware, the Chinese district representatives on the Agricultural Show Committee exceed in number the non-Chinese section, and it must be peculiarly gratifying to the former that their endeavours, in a modest way, to render the Colony less dependent on outside supplies for essential commodities has merited the public commendation of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council through their spokesman, the senior Chinese representative.

The Colonial Secretary's promise, in reply, that "the Government will not overlook the views of Honourable Members on the necessity for improving the local supply of vegetables and similar commodities," is distinctly encouraging and an earnest of the Government's solicitude for the well-being of the inhabitants of the Colony.

The Committee find that their work could be very usefully and valuably supplemented by a little more publicity through the medium of the Chinese Press in Hong Kong. And if Sir Shouson Chow could make it a point to call—as we feel sure he will—the good will and support of the vernacular Press to the extent of giving wide publicity to a verbatim translation of his sympathetic and encouraging reference (endorsed by Mr. Southern) to the forthcoming Agricultural Show, he would be placing the Committee under further obligation to him.—Yours faithfully,

J. P. DRAGA,
Hon. English Secretary,
Hong Kong, Sept. 16th.

"A KISS FOR CINDERELLA."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—Your Film Critic is too hard on "Barrie" but I expect Barrie will get over it. I have not seen the film and wild horses would not drag me to it, after I recollect the three times when I saw the play in England while on leave from France. To send such a masterpiece to Hollywood to get filmed is about as loathsome an idea as I can conceive. How could anyone but a Cockney appreciate the inner meaning of the anti-Zep-observed gas lamps, the horse-show parade of "lutes" and the strap-hanging accommodation provided for Royalty, with the whole glorious middle of Barrie Fair, Hampstead Heath and Fairy tale? I am glad Hollywood's policeman got a real uniform and looked the part, but I fear I could not bear to see anyone but Sir Gerald as the "romantic" (did Hollywood "feature" this Barrieism on a "caption") bobby in the flesh.

That "real uniform" incident is so typical of the vulgarity of the film industry; and in a phantasy like the kiss! Words fail me. I only want to assure our local playgoers that they must not despise London for running over this masterpiece, the margin ration and the blue-clad hospital patients and the boarding up of attic skylights were not inventions of double-chinned bootleggers.

Sorry to be so fierce. But it was a dam good play as a play. We all used to weep.—Yours, etc., X.

ORIENTAL STROLLING PLAYERS.

NEW PROGRAMME ON TUESDAY.

We have been asked to state that the Oriental Strolling Players, who opened a season at the Lee Theatre this week, will not appear tomorrow or Monday evenings, but they will present an entirely new and much improved programme on Tuesday night. There will be various changes made in their programme throughout the week and the remainder of the season.

Last night's performance at the Lee Theatre was a capital one, and every night is showing that the artists are settling down to their new environment and considerable improvement is reflected in each performance. An enjoyable evening is assured at the Theatre, for in addition to a varied programme of revue, song, dance and vaudeville, there is also the popular feature of the military band, who have been very successful.

CHLORAL HYDRATE POISONING.

JURY'S OUTSPOKEN VERDICT.

"INADEQUATE WARNING ON LABEL."

The inquest on a Chinese who died as a result of taking an overdose of chloral hydrate, which he bought from the Chinese department of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., was concluded yesterday morning at the Central Magistracy, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell (Coroner), and a jury comprising Messrs. A. W. Eastman (foreman), H. L. Schultz, and A. B. F. Raven.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Donohoe, was also present on behalf of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.

The Summing Up.

Mr. Lindsell addressed the jury as follows:—

At the previous hearings I indicated to you that in certain circumstances this death might involve a verdict of manslaughter, but after hearing the evidence of Mr. Wilson to the effect that the chloral mixture had been on the local market with the same label for 50 years and that no previous case of poisoning thereby has been heard of, I am satisfied that there is no evidence of any criminal negligence such as would justify you in bringing a manslaughter verdict against any member of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company's firm. It remains for you merely to decide whether this is a case of suicide or misadventure.

"There can be no doubt, from the medical evidence, that the deceased's rapid approaching end was accelerated by chloral hydrate poisoning which was the actual cause of his death."

"Was It Suicide?"

"The evidence of his wife and father whilst not precluding, goes some way towards negating the possibility of suicide, in that it shows that the deceased never gave any indication of contemplating this step, but on this point you will no doubt have made up your minds."

"If you are satisfied that the deceased, being in full possession of his faculties, deliberately took a large overdose of this chloral mixture with the fixed intention of ending his life, your verdict will be suicide."

"If you find that it was derangement of intellect due to physical debility that led him to take the overdose, then this is a case of suicide while of unsound mind."

A Dangerous Drug.

"Whatever your verdict, it is your right, and in my view, your duty, to put on record in the form of a rider, your opinion that the action of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., in selling promiscuously to the public a drug which two Medical Officers have told you is a dangerous one, and one that should only be taken under medical supervision, and giving no more warning of its nature on the label of each bottle, than 'Take a tablespoonful, no more at bed-time. This mixture should not be given to children.'"

"It is not your province to decide whether Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. have broken the Hong Kong law on the subject, but to voice your opinion as to whether the Company should sell such drug and whether the label gives sufficient warning of its nature."

The Verdict.

The jury, after several minutes' absence, returned the following verdict:—

"We find that the deceased died by misadventure caused through an overdose of medicine containing chloral hydrate to induce sleep. We desire to add that Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. acted without due regard for the public safety in selling this mixture without adequate warning that it was poison."

The Coroner: Thank you, gentlemen. I entirely agree with your verdict.

WELL MET.

AFTER TEN YEARS' SEPARATION.

TWO SMILING TOMMIES AT THE BETTER "OLE."

An interesting incident took place yesterday in the "Better Ole," the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., in Peking Road, Kowloon. Two smiling soldiers, one belonging to the Scots Guards and the other to the Devonians, came up to the counter, and told the Lady Worker that they were brothers and had just met after a separation of 10 years.

This re-union is remarkable for the transport on which the brother of the Devonians was returning to India was only in Kowloon for a short while and neither knew the whereabouts of the other.

THE FORBES RUSSELL CO.

SUCCESSFUL FIRST NIGHT.

THE LAST OF MRS. CHEYNEY.

It is interesting to see "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" played by professionals, and to compare their production with that of the H.K. A.D.C. some months ago in the same theatre. Comparisons, it is said, are odious; let it suffice then to say that this company shows professionalism, in a confidence which seems just a trifle hard in comparison with the fresh enthusiasm of the A.D.C. although they are technically better. We shall be most interested to see the company in other plays as "Mrs. Cheyney" is so much a portrait gallery that the first actors whom one sees in the various roles, must impress their own personality upon the audience to the slight detriment of any who may subsequently appear in the same parts.

"Mrs. Cheyney" as played by April Vivian is very young and appealing. The heroine of the A.D.C.'s production was, one felt, quite capable of taking care of herself and in no measure Charles' dupe. This fresh interpretation is interesting as it gives a different meaning to the story and one which may be more attractive to many people who think a heroine should, above all, be innocent.

Miss Vivian is a very charming actress, in looks a less mature Gladys Cooper. She wears her pretty gowns well and has a clear pleasing voice, and is an altogether satisfying Mrs. Cheyney.

The part of Lady Joan is perhaps the most difficult in the play, as very "slight" over-emphasis can make it a caricature. Beryl Sidney struck just the right note, and thought her Joan was good natured and high spirited and rather foolish but in no way despite the things she says, an objectionable young woman. In fact one liked her all through. A part which was made prominent in the amateur production by very clever acting was that of Mrs. Ebley, but it is evidently one which needs a very special technique which we did not feel that Grace Ray possessed, although she is an efficient actress.

The men were on the whole very good, Lord Dilling and Willy Mynton especially so, and, of course, Charles the enigma, played by Mr. Forbes Russell.

We can confidently anticipate a series of excellent plays for which we hope there will be a larger audience than there was last night. It was perhaps a little unfortunate that the Company should have opened with "Mrs. Cheyney" which we saw here so short a time ago, but they are offering us plenty of other fare during the next few weeks. To-night they are giving "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," a very amusing French comedy, of which we saw a film version at the Queen's some months ago.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

OPENING NEXT WEEK.

THE CHAI WAN MURDER CASE.

The Criminal Sessions open on Monday morning, at the Supreme Court, before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood), assisted by the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. P. Jackson).

There are minor cases of robbery and holding to ransom and larceny in both Courts.

On Thursday there is a bribery charge case to be heard in the Chief Justice's Court.

The Sessions will then stand adjourned until Monday, September 25th, when the trial opens of the two Chinese charged with the murder of Mrs. Mackay at Chai Wan. It is understood that Mr. H. G. Sheldon has been appointed by the Crown to undertake the defence.

OBITUARY.

MISS M. J. FRANÇO.

The death took place at her residence at St. Joseph's Buildings, Robinson Road, early yesterday morning, of Miss Maria Jose ("Lily") Franco. Deceased, who was 61 years of age, had only been ill for a very short time.

She was well known locally, and was a sister of Mr. Franco, light-keeper in the Government service. She was also known in Shanghai, Tientsin, Singapore and Manila.

The funeral took place last evening at Happy Valley Cemetery, being attended by relatives and many local friends. Many floral tributes were sent.

CULT OF THE CAT IN CHINA.

THE PART PLAYED BY TEA POTS.

ALTERNATE SUPERSTITIOUS REVERENCE AND ILL-TREATMENT.

[BY C.L.C.]

From days immemorial the Chinese, like the Egyptians, have always entertained a certain amount of reverence for a cat. The radical changes of the present day have not in the least diminished this reverence.

To kill a cat is one of the biggest sins a Chinese can commit, for they agree with the Westerners that a cat has nine lives. There are several superstitions with regard to choosing so important a member of a household as a kitten. One with four white paws is sure to bring about a funeral in the house adopting it. But whoever is fortunate enough to find a kitten with six claws, will be envied by all his friends, for this kitten is bound to bring him good luck. Kittens with six claws are rare, but the Chinese would not attribute this to a freak of nature. They say the gods have specially created the cat with the additional claw so as to bring good joss to the household adopting it.

As this animal is revered by the Chinese, those who sell cats are characterised as the most unfortunate persons, even a beggar is held in higher esteem than a poor cat seller. There are only a certain class of Chinese trading in cats, but the Chinese will always give away a kitten provided that a certain ritual be gone through to overcome the ill-omen.

With a request for a kitten one is required to send a clay tea-pot, about two cents worth of raw sugar and a five cent piece wrapped around with a piece of red paper. The tea-pot is intended to pacify the gods, by symbolising that a life has been exchanged for a life. The Chinese, it must be remembered, have a very convenient way of finding something to act as a substitute for "life," and the tea-pot is one of the commonest. The spout is called the "mouth" in Chinese, the knob on the lid is the "ear," and the handle is the "hand." So there is a mouth, ear, and hand just as all live animals possess, and therefore the gods could not frown on anyone who had exchanged a life for a life.

The bit of raw sugar is to sweeten the heart and conscience of the giver, and the red paper with the five-cent piece inside, which the Chinese called Lay See, is to bring "good joss" to the giver.

The superstitions with which the Chinese surround the exchange of a kitten are all very well, and one would believe that "pussy" is in clover in a Chinese home; but this is not always the case. No matter how much the Chinese may "theory fear or respect a cat," they do not hesitate to destroy kittens at birth. That is a world-wide practice, but beyond that it is common enough to find a half starved cat prowling about in some back alleyways pelted with stones by street arabs. I have seen a cat in a dying condition dragged along the street and placed on the tram track for the tram to run over. Nor do the Chinese, in order to get rid of a cat, think it bad joss to starve the poor beast until it runs away to fend for itself.

After all, poor pussy's lot in the home of the average Chinese is not a happy one.

AMAH AND EDITOR CASE.

AMICABLY SETTLED IN COURT.

ALL ALLEGATIONS WITHDRAWN.

Yesterday at the Central Magistracy before Major O. Willson, the case in which a Chinese amah summoned the editor of the *Tsun Wan Fat Pao*, Mr. Wong Lan Kwan, and his son, Wong Cho Yue, for assault came to a sudden and amicable ending.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, for the complainant, told the Court that in view of what his Worship had intimated at the last hearing, he had had several discussions with his client and her employers, and they were impressed with the necessity of living amicably with defendant. Under the circumstances, he would, with his Worship's permission, withdraw the case, and also to withdraw all allegations against the defendants.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the defendants, said that he was very glad to hear what Mr. Strellett had said and that he would be quite willing to accept the withdrawal of the case and the allegations made against his clients. Major Willson said he was very pleased to see that both parties had come to an amicable settlement.



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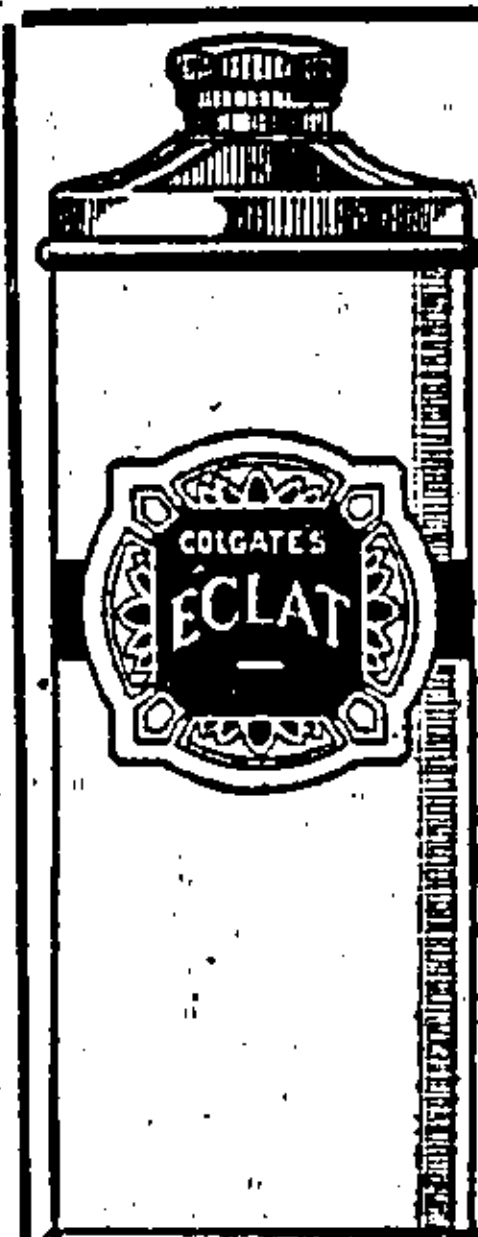
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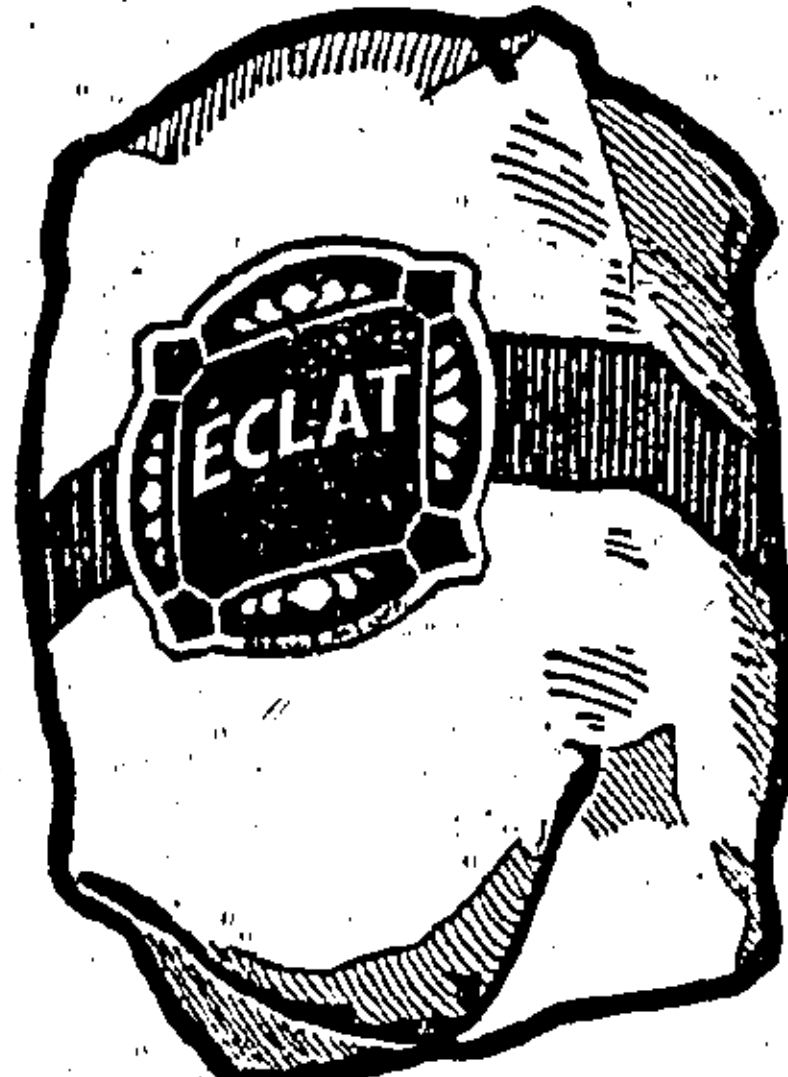
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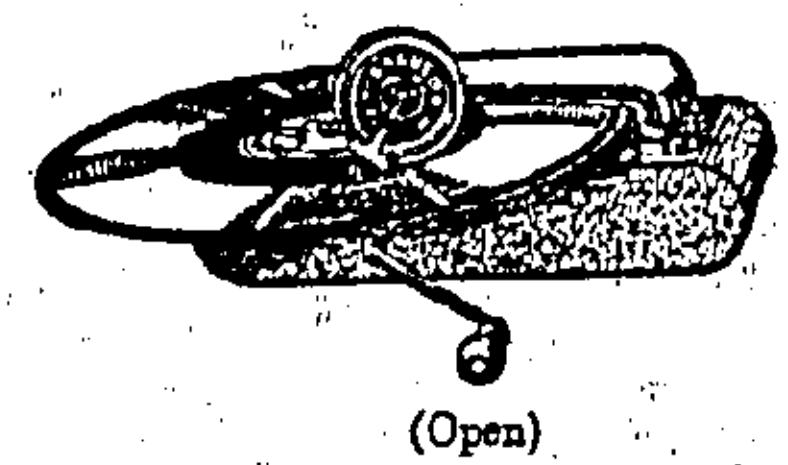
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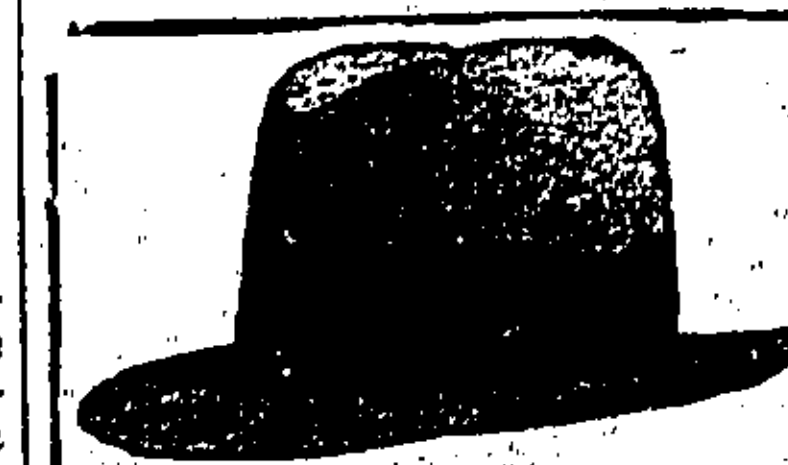
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BITTER ANTAGONISM AGAINST MARSHAL FENG YU HSIANG IN HONAN.

Dictator Chang Tso Lin refers to Feng as "the common enemy."
Hostilities on the Kin-Han Railway.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE KUOMINTANG MUSTER AT NANKING.

"COMRADE" CHEN ENLIGHTENS MOSCOW REGARDING CHINA'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

The antagonism engendered in Honan against Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang seems deeper and more general than it was. He now appears to have quite a large crop of Honanese Generals eager to scatter his military pretensions to the winds. Dictator Chang is making the most of the situation and has ordered Fengtse troops to co-operate with Honanese against "the common enemy," which is the latest epithet hurled at the head of the ex-Christian Marshal.

At Nanking the muster of the Kuomintang, if incomplete, seems to be representative. Telegrams have been sent to Hu Han Min, Wang Ching Wei, Wu Tsz Wei and Chiang Kai Shek to go to Nanking "immediately" and function as members of the Special Committee just elected. Evidently these erstwhile prominent members of the Kuomintang believe that they have very good reasons for being elsewhere than in Nanking at the present time.

"Comrade" Chen seems to be in his element in Moscow, where he has been informing the Press, with characteristic emphasis, that a "Nationalist Government of China, as a real political factor, no longer exists."

WHAT IS BEING DONE AT NANKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16th.

As already forecasted a provisional meeting of Kuomintang delegates, totalling twenty, opened at Nanking yesterday afternoon, instead of the originally planned Plenary Conference of Supervisory Executive Committees.

Among delegates included C. C. Wu, Li Shih Tseng, Tsai Yuan Pui, Chang Ching Kiang, Generals Li Lich Chun, Li Chung Jen, Wu Han delegates: Sun Fo, Generals Tan Yen Kai, Chu Pei Teh, Cheng Chien, Chen Chia Yu, Yu Ju Yen, represented Feng Yu Hsiang, ex-Chief Police Wu Te Chen of Canton. Other delegates were: Chu Heng Yi, Chow Chi Kung, Chu Hing Yu, Liao Bin, Pei Yung Chow, Hwang Shih, and Chu Chi Chin, six of whom represented Shanghai or the Western Hills clique.

Tan Yen Kai, as Chairman, opened the proceedings by explaining the purpose of the meeting, after which a resolution nominating members to the Supervisory Executive Committee to replace the six dismissed ex-Kuomintang as Communists, and one as a semi-Communist took place.

General Hwang Hsiao Shung, a Kwangsiite, was nominated to the Supervisory Committee. Chow Chi Kung, Hwang Shih, Wang Lo Ping, Chen Chia Yu, Chu Chi Chin, Tsin Chao Wu, General Ho Ying Ching, Chan Shu Jen and Chu Min Yu were nominated to the Executive Committee.

The meeting resolved that Hsu Chien, Yen Jui Bei, Hsia Chin, Teng Mo Hsin and Chen Chi Yuan appear before the Supervisory Executive Committee for examination on their reported Communistic tendencies.

Dr. Wang Chung Hui was restored to membership of the Kuomintang. The meeting resolved to wire Hu Han Min, Wang Ching Wei, Wu Tsz Wei and Chiang Kai Shek to come to Nanking immediately to function as members of the Special Committee.

The meeting then nominated 32 members of the Special Central Kuomintang Committee, namely: Tsai Yuan Pui, Hsia Shi, Wang Ching Wei, Wang Pei Chun, Ho Hsiang Ying, Hu Han Min, Tang Chuan Sun, Lin Sun, Yu Ju Yen, Di Chuan Hsien, Chang Chi, C. C. Wu, Wu Tsz Wei, Tsao Lu, Li Shih Tseng, Chang Ching Kiang, Li Lich Chun, Feng Yu Hsiang, Tang Seng Chi, Chang Kai Shek, Cheng Chien, Yen Shih Shan, Chu Pei Teh, Hwang Tsun Chi, Tan Yen Kai, Li Tsai Hsin, Ho Ying Ching, Bei Tsung Hsi and Admiral Yang Shu Chuan.

The meeting nominated Chang Chi, Yu Ju Yen, Ho Hsiang Ying, Li Shih Tseng and Tsai Yuan Pui as a Special Supervisory Committee.

The meeting dismissed Wang Ching Wei's petition for his punishment without discussion, and wired calling on him to withdraw his resignation of the Chairmanship of the Kuomintang.

VERNACULAR PRESS COMMENT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Chinese Press in South China, commenting on the recent creation of a special commission by the Kuomintang in Nanking to re-organize the party and government, has commented that this "action" was illegal, according to the Central Regulations. Since the Central Executive Committee of the Party has failed to assemble a quorum, any act passed by that irregularly constituted body would not be binding, they say. Pro-Wang Ching Wei press agencies have expressed the belief that both the

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TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHTS.

FURTHER ATTEMPTS BEING ARRANGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HONOLULU, Sept. 16th.

Arrangements for Trans-Pacific flights are progressing in spite of recent setbacks. An Australian airman, named Anderson, has arrived to inspect the aerodrome preparatory to a flight in October from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia, stopping at Honolulu and Tahiti. He will be accompanied by airman Captain Smith and Mr. Uim. All three have already flown around Australia.

What a German Aviator Hopes To Do.

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, September 16th.

The famous German wartime pilot, von Weizsacker, is preparing to fly from San Francisco to China in October, to accomplish an endurance record, stopping at Honolulu and Tokyo.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

American Committee's Report.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16th.

A Government committee appointed to investigate the measures to regulate trans-oceanic flights, in view of the recent disasters, disfavours specific Governmental prohibition of pioneering flights, but declares that such efforts should be discouraged except when undertaken by a personnel competent for the measure of risk involved, with very careful preparation and the best possible equipment.

T. V. SOONG AND HSU CHEN GOING TO JAPAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16th.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Wuhan ex-Minister of Finance, left for Japan this morning aboard the *Yugawaki Maru*.

Mr. Hsu Chen's wife and family arrived by the *Tsukuba* from Hankow yesterday. Mr. Hsu Chen is believed to be in Shanghai. It is expected that he will go secretly to Japan shortly.

"COMRADE" CHEN HOLDS FORTH IN MOSCOW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, Sept. 16th.

Eugene Chen, in a statement to pressmen, emphatically declared that the Nationalist Government of China as a real political factor no longer existed. Before its betrayal by Nanking and Wuhan militarists, the Kuomintang had made the whole world realise that Chinese nationalism was a new force in Asia, with which foreign imperialism would have to reckon, but to-day the position was different. Nobody feared or respected the Kuomintang any longer, and a new political system, which the Nanking and Wuhan militarists were trying to build under the flag of the Kuomintang would be a kind of super-turbate not differing in essentials from the Peking model.

The "true followers" of Sun Yat Sen must rally to his widow, Sung Tsing Ling, and fight resolutely against the true Kuomintang being reduced to the level of a secretariat of the neo-turbate.

YANGTZE HULK AND JUNKS.

BRITISH NAVAL DETACHMENT "IN ACTION."

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

KICKING, Sept. 15th.

The naval detachment who are guarding the hulk belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire were called into action yesterday to keep out soldiers belonging to the 37th and 38th Armies, who attempted to get on board.

Junks Recaptured.

WUHU, September 15th.

A party of Naval men were called out to recover a number of junks which were commandeered by soldiers while lying at the pontoon belonging to the Asiatic Petroleum Company. This accident occurred on Monday, and the junks were recovered.

To-day saw more attempts to obtain possession of junks, which were at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's hulk, but their seizure was prevented.

Soldiers belonging to the 37th Army have taken up a position some six miles below Tai Ping Fu.

SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, September 15th.

The traffic along the railway to Nanking has now returned to normal conditions.

CHENGCHOW TAKEN BY NORTHERNERS.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

LANKOW, September 15th.

News has been received to the effect that Fengtien soldiers have taken over Chengchow.

BRITISH WAR LOAN STOCK CONVERSION.

AN ATTRACTIVE OFFER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Sept. 16th.

Over £200,000,000 is involved in the Treasury offer to holders of maturing 3½ Per Cent. War Loan, 5 Per Cent. War Bonds and 4 Per Cent. War Bonds to exchange for holdings for 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan at £121½, £142 and £134, respectively, for every £100 nominally surrendered.

City circles regard the offer as attractive, since it confers a 94 shillings per cent. interest in virtually irredeemable Government security.

U.S.A. AND GERMAN STEEL PRODUCTS.

IMPORTANT REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16th.

Mr. Mellon promises to publish in a few days the report of the Committee investigating the demand of the steel manufacturers for the imposition of a high duty on German steel products on account of the alleged unfair trade practices of German steel producers.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS. PRESS COMMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Sept. 16th.

While the British press in congratulating Canada on its election to the Council of the League, French newspapers comment unfavourably on the defeat of Belgium's candidature. Several remarks on the paradoxical nature of the situation wherein, they declare that Germany, the aggressor, remains a member of the Council while Belgium, the victim, is excluded. They declare the vote will not enhance the reputation of the League with small States, jealous of the great Powers.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

GOING ON A YACHTING CRUISE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROOBY, Sept. 15th.

It is understood that after leaving Geneva on Saturday, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Minister, will go for a yachting cruise in the Mediterranean, and will visit the Balearic Islands.

COLOMBO STRIKE ENDED.

GOVERNMENT INTERVENES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOMBO, Sept. 15th.

The strike of coal coolies has been called off as a result of Government intervention.

[A message of September 8th stated: A lightning strike of 300 coal coolies broke out this morning, the cause being stated to be a grievance on the part of the coolies against a contractor.]

WAR DEBTS.

REPAYMENT INSTALMENTS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROOBY, September 15th.

The Italian Government has duly paid to the British Government to-day a sum of £2,000,000, being the fourth instalment payable under the Italian war debt funding agreement of January 27th, 1926.

The French Government also paid to-day a sum of £2,000,000 to the British Government as the third payment on account of the French war debt.

CHINESE GENERAL'S THREAT.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

WUHU, September 15th.

Both General Chen Chien and the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs have departed for Nanking, where the Nanking-Wuhan conference was due to start to-day. Wuhan people have taken over the office of the Commissioner and other officials. General Tang Sheng Chi, whose position is not clear, has also gone in an up-river direction.

The local control has passed into the hands of General Liu Hsin, commander of the 26th Army. He has victimised the local Chinese Chamber of Commerce by threatening to put Central Bank of China notes on the market, if money was not forthcoming. In this way he has obtained money from the Chamber.

CHINKIANG MORE SETTLED.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

CHINKIANG, Sept. 15th.

The withdrawal of the restrictions imposed on shipping is announced.

Martial law has also been withdrawn.

MEXICO'S MINING DISTRICTS.

MORE RADICAL DISTURBANCES.

AN AMERICAN KILLED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16th.

According to a message received by the State Department, the mining districts in the neighbourhood of Guadalajara, Mexico, have again been the scene of radical disturbances, in which David Fisher, of Philadelphia, chief clerk of the Southern Pacific Railway Offices at Guadalajara, was killed. Foreign employees have abandoned several of the mining properties.

FRENCH TRADE.

FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1927.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, Sept. 16th.

French imports for the first 8 months of 1927 totalled 34,557,000,000 francs for 33,000,000,000 francs, showing a decrease of 1,557,000,000 francs, and an increase of 3,000,000,000 francs over the same period of last year. Exports totalled 34,738,000,000 francs for the 31,000,000,000 francs, showing a decrease of 1,561,000,000 francs, and an increase of 3,000,000,000 francs over the corresponding period of 1926.

It should be noted that the decreased figures, expressed in francs, are compared with 1926. These coincide with the increased quantities, which are due to the recovery of the franc which enabled France to pay for the imported materials at a cheaper and still on a dearer scale than those products exported made with the same materials.

THE U.S. LEGION IN FRANCE.

WELCOMED IN PARIS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Sept. 16th.

The Knights of Columbia gave a dinner to the principal members of the American Legion now visiting France.

Mr. Harin, Director of the Organisation in France, said that the visit symbolised Franco-American friendship.

Marshal Petain greeted the representatives as "the noble American Legion."

COTTON BLAZE IN MANCHESTER.

12,000 BALES DESTROYED.

SAVED FROM FLOOD: LOST IN FIRE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Sept. 16th.

Twelve thousand bales of cotton, stored to have been saved from the Mississippi floods, were destroyed by fire at the works of the Cotton Salvage Company, Limited, Moston, Manchester, where cotton valued at £200,000 was stored. The fire brigade saved the rest of the stock.

U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

GOVERNOR RETIRES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16th.

Mr. Daniel C. Guggenheimer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board since 1923, has retired.

AUSTRALIA'S RICE.

MAY COMPETE WITH ASIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, September 15th.

It is announced in London that the Australian Tariff Board has reported that rice-growing in Australia is a commercial proposition, and points out that 2,000 acres on the Murrumbidgee last year produced over 15,000 tons, whereas at least 40,000 acres in this area alone could be utilised, capable of producing an excess over home needs.

The Board recommends the provision of a deferred duty on uncleaned rice, in order to provide protection and assure growers of the whole Australian market, and also provide machinery to enable growers to compete with Eastern markets. It expresses the opinion that a duty of 7½/8d. a ton would not be unreasonable.

H.M.S. "CARADOC'S" REFITTING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Sept. 16th.

The cruiser *Caradoc's* refitting at Chatham has cost £104,000.

THE FORD LAND PURCHASE.

REPORT NOT CONFIRMED AT DETROIT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

DETROIT, Sept. 16th.

Enquiries at the Ford offices here produced no confirmation of the *New York World* story of Mr. Ford's purchase of land in Brazil for rubber growing.

Ford officials professed to know nothing of such a transaction.

NEW FRENCH TARIFFS.

HITS HARD AT AMERICAN BUSINESS.

DESCRIBED AS "AN ULTIMATUM."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, September 15th.

The French tariffs, which, as reported yesterday, have hit American business very hard, are described as "an ultimatum," and as "greatly exercising White House officials," who point out that the administration is within its rights in invoking Presidential powers to impose duties up to 50 per cent. on goods from these countries, which, like France, practice tariff discrimination against the United States.

The comment adds that if France persists in the demand that commercial treaty negotiations should be based on complete reciprocity, the United States would probably reply that they are not authorised to negotiate tariff rates, which are fixed by Congress.

Meanwhile a Paris semi-official message declares that France enforces a general tariff equivalent to four times the minimum rates against countries which have not concluded a commercial agreement with her, but, in order to demonstrate her goodwill, she has decided that, pending negotiations, she will grant the United States immediately most-favoured-nation treatment, and will grant the unprecedented advantage of a rebate of 50 per cent. on the new rates.

NEW MOTOR SPIRIT.

GERMAN PREPARATION FOR THE MARKET.

DISTILLED FROM COAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOGNE, Sept. 15th.

Preparations for the production on a great scale of motor spirit by the distillation of coal are so advanced by the works of the German dye industry, that the new spirit will be placed on the market this year.

It is proposed to place on this synthetic spirit a cheaper tariff schedule than the rules applying to natural oil, to enable it to compete with imported petrol.

[A recent Reuter telegram stated: Following the German Dye Trust and Standard Oil agreement of a few days ago, it transpires that the former has discovered a new method of producing petrol from coal.]

It is claimed that this new petrol, which will be placed on the market at the beginning of 1928, already has had surprising results at the recent motor race-meeting at Freiburg, where immense speeds were obtained, the competitors using "synthetic petrol."

Manufactured Also in America.

The new process will be employed in the United States by both parties to the agreement, while the German Dye Trust will retain the rights of production in Germany.

The new method is, somewhat of the lines called the "crack" process, and is chiefly applicable to the working up of crude oil by intense pressure.

Further experiments are being conducted at the dye industry's works at Oppau.

TREASURY'S £10,000 WEEKLY FROM GREYHOUND RACING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROOBY, September 15th.

It is estimated that the Treasury is receiving £10,000 a week in entertainment tax and betting tax from the boom in greyhound racing.

Race meetings in various parts of the country have been in progress at least ten weeks, so that the Treasury during that period has benefited by about £100,000.

To cope with the ever increasing number of demands for information relative to educational facilities offered to foreign children in Switzerland, a special section has been inaugurated by the American Express Company at their Montreux Office to answer enquiries regarding boarding schools or furnish names of families prepared to receive children "en pension" and schools where they may attend as day scholars. The educational section is also prepared to secure hotel, apartment or boarding house accommodation for parents who intend to stay in Switzerland while the children are receiving instruction.

HEAT WAVE IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK AND CHICAGO SWELTERING.

FATAL EFFECTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Sept. 16th.

The heat wave of the Middle-West has reached New York. The thermometer is at 90 degrees in the shade, a record here for September 15th.

Twenty-five deaths have occurred in Chicago in the past two days, as the result of the heat-wave, but none, so far, in New York, probably owing to the low humidity.

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL.

MORE MONEY THAN REQUIRED.

IN EXCESS OF WANTS.

An application for the confirmation of reduction in capital in the matter of the Wing Sang Co., Ltd., and Reduced, general merchants, of 109, Des Vaux Road, was made at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood).

The application was made on behalf of the Company by Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, instructed by Messrs. Lo & Lo.

In making the application Mr. Tam referred to the special resolution passed at two extraordinary general meetings of the Company, held on June 11th and June 27th, respectively, at which it was decided that the capital be reduced.

The resolution passed at these meetings read: "Resolved that the capital be reduced by £25,350, divided into 507 shares of £50 each and that such reduction be effected by returning to the holders of the 507 shares issued paid up capital to the extent of £50 per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the shares from £100 to £50 and that the remainder of £25,350, capital, namely the sum of £25,350, divided into 507 shares of £50 each, which have not been taken up by any person, be cancelled."

The minute filed at Court on this resolution was to the effect that "the capital of the Company henceforth is £25,350 divided into 507 shares of £50 each, instead of the original capital of £250,000, divided into 2,500 shares of £100 each. At the time of the registration of this minute the sum of £50 has been, and is to be deemed paid on each of the shares."

In reply to His Lordship, Mr. Tam said that advertisements had been inserted in accordance with the requirements of the regulations, for any creditors, but that the Affidavits of principals of the Company showed that there were no creditors on the material date.

Reason for Reduction.

His Lordship asked the reason for the reduction in capital.

Replying, Mr. Tam said that the affidavit of one of the principals of the firm stated that the capital was in excess of the wants of the Company. It was now an excessive amount. Formerly, the Company did a large volume of business in steel joists and in the export of camphor, which required a capital of about £250,000, but this business had ceased since 1923, and the Company were not embarking on any fresh line. Therefore, it was proposed to return the remainder of the unnecessary capital to the shareholders.

His Lordship made an order confirming the resolution of reduction of capital, and approved of the minute. As regards the date for dispensing with the words in the title of the Company at present "and reduced," His Lordship ordered that these words could be dispensed with one month from date of registration of his ruling.

The ricksha puller who was charged with pulling his vehicle in a negligent manner and thereby colliding with a bus and causing injuries to Miss Pearl Forster was fined £10 yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy by Mr. W. Schofield.

The mistress of a cargo junk who had previously been charged with the theft of some coal, which charge was subsequently withdrawn, was yesterday charged at the Kowloon Magistracy with the unlawful possession of the coal. Mr. A. E. Hall appeared on her behalf and after evidence had been heard, his Worship entered a conviction against her.

Eleven men were charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with hawking foodstuffs to junk people without a licence. After six of the men had been fined £4 each, the seventh man said that he had been hawking for the last ten years and possessed a licence for doing so. His licence was produced and on view of that his Worship cancelled the charge. The other five men could produce no licence.

THE WEEK-END SPORTS.

Interport Bowls Trial, Baseball, Cricket, Racing, etc.

WEEK-END SPORT.

WHAT IS ON THE CARD.

INTERPORT BOWLS TRIAL.
FINAL BASEBALL
MATCHES, &c.

[By "OBSERVER."]

While there is not an excessive amount of sport on the cards this week-end, this being the short off season between the closing of the Bowls and Baseball Leagues season, etc., and the opening of the Cricket and Football seasons—there are certain of interest in two branches of out-door pastimes.

One is the second Interport Bowls Trial match, and the other the concluding matches in the Baseball League.

Bowls.

As mentioned elsewhere the second Interport Bowls Trial match is to be played this afternoon on the Crutchever C.C. green, the same venue as last Sunday. The personnel of the team is practically the same as that of last Sunday, but the game will prove a very interesting one, as there is only one more trial to be played before the final selection of the Hong Kong Interport team is made.

There is also a second division League match, the Tai Koo R.C. going to the Yacht Club to play off one of their remaining two fixtures. There is practically no interest now in the League. The only thing at stake now is whether Tai Koo R.C. runners-up in the second division, as their senior team have done in the first division, or whether they go third, to become runners-up they have to win both their outstanding matches. If they lose one East Point R.C. will remain second.

A start is expected, probably within the next week, in the Spey Royal Cup competition.

The Open Singles Championship competition has not yet been completed, but is progressing better than it did at the start.

Final To-morrow.

To-morrow afternoon on the Civil Service C.C. green the final in the Inter-Departmental Lawn Bowls Competition is to take place. The finalists are the Police and the Sanitary Department. The Police are favourites, but no doubt the Sanitary Department men will give them a good run, and may win the trophy. The challenge cup and souvenirs are to be presented after the match.

Baseball.

Yesterday's baseball match between the "Dragons" and "Tigers" was not played. The "Tigers" who have had no luck throughout the season, conceded the points to their confederates. The "Dragons" are, of course, champions again, and will therefore retain the Cup for another year.

It makes no difference to the "Dragons," even if they lose their final match to-morrow.

The programme for the week-end, which winds up the Baseball League season for another year is as under: To-day: H.K. Baseball Club v. The Filipino Club, Happy Valley Ground, 4 p.m.

To-morrow: "Dragons" (South China A.A.) v. Japanese Baseball Club, same place and time.

Admission to stands is 50 cents, and children, soldiers and sailors, in uniform, will be admitted for 20 cents. Ladies are invited by courtesy.

The Baseball season has not been a particularly bright one, play having been one sided, the "Dragons" and the Japanese being a long way ahead of rivals.

Cricket.

The cricket season has not officially opened yet, but nets are going up at the different clubs, and members are commencing practice. The official date for opening appears to be October 1st, the same as the Football League.

However, for the past week or two a number of friendly matches have been played, and there are two arranged for this week-end. The Indian R.C. play the Royal Engineers to-day on the I.R.C. ground, beginning at 2 p.m.

To-morrow, the I.R.C. and XI. oppose a combined Indian merchant side.

The Volunteers are preparing for another cricket season, and I expect to see a number of mid-week and Sunday friendlies between the Volunteers, Service Teams and local Club elevens.

Golf.

The only golf at Fanling this week-end is the Bogey Pool Competition. Competitions proper will be commencing shortly. That for the St. John of Jerusalem and British Red Cross Trophy continues through October, and is the next on the card. This will be followed by the Autumn meeting, minor competitions, and then comes the Championship, the "Lapet" Clark Cup and the Governor's Shield.

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WATER POLO.

HONG KONG BEAT CHINESE.

A FAST GAME.

The special Water Polo Match between Hong Kong and the Chinese yesterday resulted in a win for the former by 5 goals to 2. The latter were composed of 22 members of the Shanghai Olympic Team, two second team players of the Singapore Chinese Swimming Club, and two local players. Considerable interest was taken in the match and many Chinese went to the Victoria Recreation Club to cheer their compatriots.

The Chinese showed a very good knowledge of the game and took up the attack right from the start. China Poh Chong sending in a stinging shot which Rochoa cleared. Hong Kong retaliated immediately with a well combined movement scored in the first minute's play. Laing volleying the ball into the net. Fast play followed and Hong Kong showed better combination and scored their second goal through Lyon who placed a neat corner shot. Shortly afterwards China Poh Chong sent in a cross shot that beat Rochoa. Excitement followed and some spirited play was seen and shortly before the interval Laing scored Hong Kong's third goal with a backhand shot. At half time, Hong Kong led by 3 to 1.

Crossing over, Hong Kong showed up strongly and were distinctly the better team. The Chinese played fast and were tricky at times, but lacked the combination of the home opponents. Laing made the game safe for Hong Kong by scoring from a scramble in front of the goal and a minute later Lyon added another. The strain was beginning to tell on the swimmers and play became slower. Ng Mong Guan, however, brightened up matters by a fine individual effort, bringing the ball half way up the tank and scoring in fine style. Hong Kong had the upperhand after this till the end, but could not score.

The Chinese lacked combination and their weakest spot was the goalkeeper. China Poh Chong was their outstanding player and he was the last to be fouled in the tank. At half time they had a lesson to learn from the local side, but in other departments of the game they did extremely well. The Hong Kong team played a steady and resourceful game and on the whole was undoubtedly superior.

POLO.

THE AMERICAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

BRITISH TEAM ENTERS.

[REUTERS'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Sept. 15th. The British polo team has entered for the American Open Championship, which starts at Meadowbrook on the 17th inst.

The opening date for the Championship is November 20th (qualifying rounds) with the first and second rounds on December 4th, and the semi-finals and final on December 11th and 18th, respectively.

Racing.

As referred to elsewhere, the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, have arranged a scratch gymkhana race meeting for to-morrow. It is by no means an official meeting, but at the request of patrons it has been arranged for the sport of the thing. The official meeting takes place in a fortnight's time, I understand. A special excursion by the *Lanzhou* is being run to-morrow, and there will be a concert party on board as an additional attraction coming back to Hong Kong. Many Hong Kong racing enthusiasts are expected to go over to the Portuguese Colony, where the Race Club of Macao has arranged a capital open-air dance and other amusements at the Race Course Pavilion for this evening.

The Hong Kong racing season will be resumed before long and "Rapier" will doubtless have more to say about the next extra race meeting shortly. It is early to say much but entries close on September 24th (next Saturday).

Yachting.

Yau Sung, I understand has commenced activities for another season. Yachting is a very popular winter sports here, and makes one of the "big three" sporting events of the season—namely, football, cricket, yachting. The season is due to begin towards the end of October and the programme for the first half is being prepared, and I understand is to be shortly issued. The annual meeting is to be held in the near future, but so far no date has been decided, and the annual report has not yet been issued.

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INTERPORT BOWLS.

NOTES ON SECOND TRIAL MATCH.

PLAYERS AS SELECTORS?

[By R. B. B.]

This afternoon, on the ground of the Crutchever C.C., there will be played the second of the trial games for the forthcoming interport bowls match against Shanghai. Of the sixteen players who figured in the game Grimmer and Lapsley will not play to-day. The former's place will be taken by Holland, who was in the original trial team. It is to be hoped it is not rising too much to ask him to turn out to-day seeing that it was his right arm that was injured! Lapsley evidently has decided that the task of a selector is to be preferred to the task of a player. His decision comes a little late. He could have decided that point before he played last Sunday, and given the Selection Committee an opportunity to choose another player there. Another trial player, Morrison, probably retires from the Selection Committee. Last year Mr. D. Gow, who was chosen on the Selection Committee, promptly stepped down of his own accord when he found he could get to Shanghai—and had a reasonable chance of being picked.

Changes in Skips.
The risks for to-morrow have already been published as under:—
Laing, Smith, Morrison, and Wallace (skip).
Oswick, McLeod, Holland, and Macfarlane (skip).
Atkinson, Bana, Cullen, and Pendered (skip).
Omar, Reid, Brown, and Gray (skip).

Leaving out Lapsley and Grimmer and bringing in Holland and Gray is nothing more or less than a "sweeping" of skips. Why, may it be asked, did the Selection Committee not look further afield in their search for talent? There were sixty entries for the open singles championship. Are there not other sixteen amongst these sixty, excluding those who figured in the first trial, worthy of consideration? If the Selection Committee are so wedded to the three skips who have played already, plus Gray, why could they not have found other two players to make up the two risks to-day? Of course, it should be remembered that there is at least a month before the interport match actually comes off, so perhaps—who knows!—they intend to depart from the original plan of two two-risk games and one one-risk game and give us "trials" every Saturday in September and the final trial on the first or second Saturday in October. It would be a pleasant surprise and would prove that the Committee had left no stone unturned to secure the absolute fit in the way of a team to face the stalwarts of Shanghai. But I am departing from my promised notes on the game to-day.

I am still hopeful of Wallace coming out of the fray with the same éclat as last Sunday. The only one who may run him close is Gray, who will have clubmate in Brown as his No. 3. But then Wallace will have two other Tai Koo men in Laing and Morrison—men whose abilities he should be able to "draw out" more than any other of the trial skips. Pendered's risk should be capable of giving the quietus either to Gray or Macfarlane's risk. Thus I would predict the following as the order of the skips to-day: Wallace, Pendered, Gray, and Macfarlane.

It is to be hoped that the selectors will avoid putting Wallace's risk against Pendered's to-day—it would scarcely be wise tactics. As for the other players, nothing has to be added to what I stated in this column last Monday morning. They have all been given a fair trial. Why have they shown until at least others have shown that they are so good—or rather less lamentably bad—than the majority of the players last Sunday? That is a crude way to put it, but if one is to criticise one cannot do so on last year's games in Shanghai or on an interport game that has to be played some time next month. The actual play is all that matters to the writer. And on the play in the interport match he judges, whether they be brilliant, mediocre, or "impossible."

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. INDIAN MERCHANTS.

This match will be played on I.R.C. ground to-morrow at 2 p.m. Indian merchants: G. P. D. N. (Captain), F. Hipkiss, H. Pittam, F. T. McManis, H. K. Yum, A. T. Nomanbhoy, N. P. Karanjia and E. H. L. Malubhoy.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT QUEEN'S REGT.

TO-DAY'S AND TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

At Sockunpoo before a large crowd of Chinese, South China beat the Queen's Regt. by four goals to two. Mr. Giffert had charge of the game.

The Queen's turned out late, it being 3.45 p.m. when South China set the ball in motion. It was soon evident that the Queen's were in for a warm time for the Chinese played a short passing game which had the regimental defence guessing. Good work by the Queen's right wing gave them a good chance to open the score but he missed from close range. Li Wai Tong opened the score for South China after four minutes' play with a high shot. A corner to the Queen's was cleared by Ko Suk Wai but the Queen's returned and Woodhead was stopped by Chen who almost sent the ball through his own goal. The resulting flag kick was cleared and Li going down placed the ball in the net with out of a shot. The Chinese were quicker on the ball than the Queen's, the latter losing many chances by outlying in the goal area. A neat pass by Ip Pak Wah was turned into the goal by hands by Fung King Cheong. Hanau against Chen was cleared and the South China inside forwards took the ball down and Moss coming out to clear was beaten, giving South China the lead by three clear goals. Halftime: South China 3; Queen's 0.

After the change of ends, the Queen's had more of the play but were slow in front of goal, while Li Ting Sang and Lai were very safe and cleared when goals seemed a certainty. Most of the play was in the Chinese half and after ten minutes play, Richard handed the ball in and it struck the underside of the bar and rebounded inside the line. South China then took up the attack and Fung sent the ball into the net. A rush by the Queen's front line found the South China defence bottled up and Richardson scored from close range. With the score at four goals to two in favour of South China, the light faded and it was hard to follow the ball, the game ending in darkness with South China winning as above.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.
At Sockunpoo, kick off at 4.30 p.m.: The China Athletic Club will play the Northamptonshire Regt.
Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M., R.A., will have charge of the game. The Athletic will line up as under:—

Lau Ka Ping; Ng Kam Chuen and Lau Yuk Tai; Leung Yuk Tong, Wong Shui Wa and Lam Yuk Ying; Tso Kwai Shing, Lau Kau, Wong Pak Chong, Suen Kum Shun and Lau Chow.

SUNDAY.
At Sockunpoo, 4.30 p.m.: Scots Guards v. South China. Referee: Mr. Mackie.

SCOTS GUARDS v. HONG KONG POLICE.
Teams representing the above met at Kowloon last night. The match was well-contested and resulted in a draw of 1 goal each.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE MATCHES FOR TO-DAY.

THE COMPLETE FIXTURES.

There will be a full programme of English Football League and Scottish League (Division I) matches played at Home to-day. The fixtures are as under:—

English League: Division I.
Arsenal v. Sunderland.
Birmingham v. Cardiff City.
Burnley v. Aston Villa.
Bury v. Sheffield U.
Huddersfield T. v. Manchester U.
Leicester C. v. West Ham U.
Liverpool v. Derby C.
Middlesbrough v. Blackburn R.
Newcastle U. v. Everton.
Portsmouth v. Tottenham H.
The Wednesday v. Bolton W.

Fixtures for Monday:—
Blackburn R. v. Manchester U.
Bury v. Liverpool.

Division II.
Bristol C. v. Reading.
Clifton O. v. Chelsea.
Fulham v. Barnsley.
Hull City v. South Shields.
Manchester C. v. Leeds U.
Nottingham F. v. Notts C.
Preston N.E. v. Port Vale.
Southampton v. Oldham A.
Stoke C. v. Grimsby T.
Swansea T. v. Wolves.
West Brom. A. v. Blackpool.

Fixtures for Monday:—
Port Vale v. Bristol C.

Division III (Southern):
Coventry C. v. Plymouth A.
Crystal Palace v. Brighton and H.A.
Exeter C. v. Southend U.
Gillingham v. Merthyr T.

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RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

Interest is quickening in racing and the early birds at Happy Valley are increasing in number. Both the sand and grass tracks are in excellent condition and it is expected that the fields at the forthcoming meeting will be larger than usual. There are plenty of riders available. Messrs. Stanton and Reidy have been training during practically the whole of the summer and Messrs. Pollock, Gordon and Roza have been in regular attendance for some time. In addition Messrs. Bullock, Wallace and Sewell will again be seen in the saddle. Harold Sech is renewing his youth by a spot of training and I hope to see him amongst the winning jockeys next month. Wong is expected from Shanghai to ride for Mr. Ho Koi Tong and the latter's stable should provide a few winners during the year. Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's *San Diego* will not be fit for racing for a while owing to an injury sustained through colliding with a tram-car.

Macao Gymkhana Meeting.
Quite a number of Hong Kong riders are going over to Macao to-morrow for the above meeting despite its sudden inception. There will no doubt also be many Hong Kong visitors as the *Lungshan* is an attractive boat and 9 a.m. is not an inconvenient hour to leave. There are eight races on the programme and the sport should be rather entertaining.

Fanling Hunt.
Plans are already afoot for the commencement of the hunting and steeplechase season and the next steeplechase meeting is expected to take place some time next month. Meanwhile Dr. Pierard Grove will have returned to the Colony and his presence will be invaluable as he takes a working interest in the Hunt.

MACAO RACES.

PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW.

The International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., have arranged a Gymkhana Race Meeting for to-morrow (Sunday), and the *s.s. Lungshan* will make a special excursion trip for Hong Kong patrons. The steamer leaves here at 9 a.m., and sets out from Macao for the return passage at 6 p.m. For the trip back passengers will have the pleasure of hearing the "Footwarmers" concert party.

The race meeting is an unofficial one, and is being held for the sport of it. The official fourth extra race meeting will probably be held on the first week-end of October, when the track has recovered properly from the recent typhoon. There are eight events on to-morrow's card, these being as under:—

1. Novice's Race—3 furlongs.
2. Trial Plate—Half mile.
3. The Shanghai Plate—5 furlongs.
4. The Far Eastern Plate—6 furlongs.
5. The Monte Carlo Stakes—Once round.
6. The Autumn Selling Plate—3 furlongs.
7. The Consolation Plate—3 furlongs.
8. The Mafos Race—Half mile.

To-night there is to be a dance and entertainment at the Race Course Pavilion, Macao.

Inton T. v. Brentford.
Millwall v. Bournemouth and B.A.
Newport C. v. Bristol R.
Queen's Park R. v. Watford.
Swindon T. v. Charlton A.
Torquay U. v. Northampton.
Walsall v. Norwich C.

Fixtures for Monday:—
Carlton A. v. Merthyr T.
Bournemouth and B.A. v. Queen's Park R.

Division III (Northern).
Accrington S. v. Darlington.
Bradford C. v. Bradford.
Chesterfield v. Tranmere R.
Durham C. v. Barrow.
Hartlepool U. v. Ashington.
Lincoln C. v. Crewe A.
New Brighton v. Halifax T.
Rotherham U. v. Rochdale.
Southport v. Nelson.
Wigan Boro' v. Doncaster B.

Fixtures for Monday:—
Wrexham v. Stockport C.
Halifax T. v. Darlington.

Scottish League: Division I.
Clyde v. Aberdeen.
Dundee v. St. Johnstone.
Dunfermline v. A. Celtic.
Falkirk v. St. Mirren.
Hamilton A. v. Cowdenbeath.
Hibernians v. Bo'ness.
Kilmarnock v. Motherwell.
Raith Rovers v. Partick T.
Queen's Park v. Hearts.
Rangers v. Airdrieonians.

LEAGUE RESULT.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
LONDON, September 15th.

The only match of the English League to-day, in the Second Division, resulted as follows: Fulham 2, Notts Forest 0.

KOWLOON F.C.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting of the Kowloon Football Club is to be held next Thursday, at 6 p.m. The annual report and balance sheet will be submitted and the latter shows a credit balance of \$8,832.48. The annual report states: The profit made on the working of the Club during the year was \$1,641.80. Bad debts written off amount to \$339.24, and 10 per cent. for depreciation has been written off the Pavilion and Furniture. The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

The membership of the Club stands at 290 as against 353 a year ago. During the year 60 new members were selected, 26 members have resigned and 61 names were removed on account of departures from the Colony, and for other reasons.

Their Committee record with deep regret the deaths of Messrs. G. W. Avenell, C. W. Alexander, E. A. Herbert and J. S. Gibson. During the season, under review, the Club met with varying fortune, on which the departure for Home of several prominent playing members had considerable influence. For the fifth successive season, the First XI. reached the final of the Senior Shield Competition, but were defeated by the K.O.S.B. The Reserve XI. reached the final of the Junior Shield Competition and were defeated by the K.O.S.B. Reserves. Three teams were entered in the Hong Kong League, the First and Second teams occupying third place in their respective divisions. The Third XI., while more successful than in the previous year, failed to complete its fixtures.

The ground is in excellent condition, having been thoroughly rested since June, and, where necessary, returned.

BASEBALL.

END OF SEASON ARRANGEMENTS.

The Lai Wah Company will again give a shield to the Hong Kong Baseball Association for its League competition and the new trophy will be formally presented to the officials of the Association next Sunday, when the last game of the season will be played. To-morrow, the "Dragons" of the South China Athletic Association and the Japanese Baseball Club will play, and it is expected that the best talent of the two teams will be on the field.

The Japanese, who have one of the finest teams in Hong Kong, are well met by the "Dragons," and they will not let their opponents walk away with the Lai Wah Shield without a struggle. They may give the "Dragons" and their supporters a surprise.

On Sunday both the "Dragons" and the "Tigers" will be on the bench to watch, if not to play, the last game of the season. The officials of "South China" are to entertain the members of the two teams to a dinner after the game at Kaping Restaurant, in honour of the "Dragons" winning the championship of the season.

The officials of the S.C.A.A. are greatly interested in their "Tigers" team, which is a new combination. Although defeated in practically all of their matches, the "Tigers" never got discouraged, and this December 30th, 1927. Three classes of prizes will be awarded: Gold medals, silver medals, and certificates of merit.

Every picture shown should bear a suitable "title" or "name" and must be accompanied by an entry form which must be correctly filled in. Entry forms can be obtained from the Port Works Department, Macao.

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STANDINGS IN THE LEAGUE.
The U.S. Baseball league standings on Monday were:

National League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburg	78	53	.593
New York	75	53	.587
St. Louis	75	53	.587
Chicago	77	58	.570
Cincinnati	61	68	.473
Boston	53	74	.528
Brooklyn	50	78	.418
Philadelphia	48	80	.387

American League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	95	40	.706
Philadelphia	78	57	.578
Detroit	71	63	.530
Washington	70	64	.522
Chicago	66	69	.486
Cleveland	60	75	.441
St. Louis	54	80	.403
Boston	44	90	.322

New York, Sept. 16th. Pittsburg retained its lead in the National League to-day with a victory over Philadelphia, 4 to 0. The Giants loosened their grip on second place with a loss to the Chicago Cubs, while St. Louis moved up closer to second place with a triumph over the Brooklyn Dodgers, 5 to 2. The Boston and Cincinnati games were called off on account of rain.

In the American League, Washington and Chicago broke even in a twin bill played on the latter lot. The White Sox won the first game, 6 to 5, and lost the nightcap, 11 to 1. The Athletics beat Detroit, 6 to 4, and the Yanks nosed out a victory in their game with the Browns, 1 to 0. The game was the tightest of the day. Cleveland beat Boston, 3 to 1.

YACHTING NOTES.

[By "CHAU KUNG."]

With the weather reports resuming that hopeful note "An Anti-cyclone covers the North of China" sailor-men are thinking of the fitting out of their craft for the coming season.

I understand that the official opening day of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club is to be on Saturday, October 22nd, when the opening Cruise will be combined with Navy League races for the Navy and Mercantile Marine. The Acting Commodore, Mr. A. L. Shields, with Messrs. W. A. Dowley, R. Sutherland and L. M. Whyte are conferring with the General Committee of the Yacht Club in the arrangement of the programme.

A Club Cruise to Junk Bay is projected for the October holiday week-end when a good turn-out of boats is expected. Members should be looking to their gear and getting all into ship shape and Britol fashion for the opening of the Championship events which I believe will commence at the end of next month.

It is a little early yet to learn of any changes of ownership of the racing and cruising craft but I hear that "Azuma" has changed hands with the late owner retaining an option to repurchase; whilst Mr. V. Goulbourn has acquired "Imogen" and has given her a new suit of sails with which she is sailing in quite good form.

I hear that some of the Yacht Club members are feeling their way towards the Bermudan rig and it will be interesting to

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HONGKONG	"HANYANG"	On 19th Sept.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 20th Sept.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINKIANG"	On 20th Sept.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 22nd Sept.	Noon
SOURABAYA	"TAIKOOWANYI"	On 22nd Sept.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 24th Sept.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DALNY	"KANCHOW"	On 25th Sept.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 27th Sept.	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENHSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 27th Sept.	4 p.m.
HONGKONG, LAHOKI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 29th Sept.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 1st Oct.	6 a.m.
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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

September 16th.
Devonport, Chinese str., 1,022 tons, Capt. H. Ipland, from Swatow, with a cargo of paper, lying at buoy No. C13.—Chau Yue Tong.
Hing Sang, British str., 1,336 tons, Capt. R. J. J. Snedden, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
September 16th.
Carmarthenshire, British str., 5,035 tons, Capt. Baker, from Singapore, which port she left on September 10th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Hai Ning, British str., 832 tons, Capt. W. C. Passmore, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
Seah, Norwegian str., 1,354 tons, Capt. Stølen, from Singapore and Hoikow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C40.—Lee Fat S.S. Co.
Tumahu, British str., 4,647 tons, Capt. C. P. Arnold, from San Pedro, with 8,000 tons of fuel, lying at Laishikok.—Standard Oil Co.
Tunkin, French str., 907 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C47.—Messageries Maritimes.
Hing Wai, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. I. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—Yee Kee Co.

CLEARANCES.

September 16th.
Carmarthenshire, for Shanghai.
Cheong Shing, for Canton.
Dorcy, for Quinhon.
Fah Ting, for Newchwang.
Hai Ning, for Swatow.
Haripot, for Bangkok.
Helikon, for Hoikow.
Hervae, for Hongkong.
Kachuan Maru, for Hongkong.
Kwangtung, for Bangkok.
Maui, for Canton.
Nishin Maru No. 3, for Hongkong.
Tah Hing, for Antow.
Tunkin, for Haiphong.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Bank Line.
City of Salford, Oct. 1st.
City of Tokio, Nov. 26th.
City of Wellington, Oct. 15th.
City of Winnipeg, Dec. 24th.
Blue Funnel Line.
Aeneas, Sept. 25th.
Antenor, Dec. 13th.
Cyclops, Dec. 6th.
Demodocus, Nov. 10th.
Dioned, Oct. 8th.
Euryades, Nov. 17th.
Euryptilos, Oct. 25th.
Kremona, Sept. 21st.
Machona, Nov. 30th.
Machona, Dec. 6th.
Orestes, Oct. 30th.
Patriot, Nov. 17th.
Phenix, Oct. 31st.
Procella, Oct. 25th.
Pyrrhus, Dec. 10th.
Sappho, Oct. 20th.
Talthybius, Nov. 15th.
Telesius, Oct. 16th.
Thersites, Oct. 1st.
Tyndareus, Oct. 2nd.
British-India and Apecar Line.
Tulna, to-day.
Tulna, Sept. 27th.
Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Canada, Sept. 20th.
Doddwell.
Bolton Castle, Sept. 24th.
Kendal Castle, Oct. 14th.
Romolo, Oct. 12th.

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M.V. "REMO" ... Sails on or about 8th Dec.
From Hong Kong.
S.S. "FIUME" ... Sails on or about 21st Sept.
M.V. "ESQUILINO" ... Sails on or about 15th Oct.
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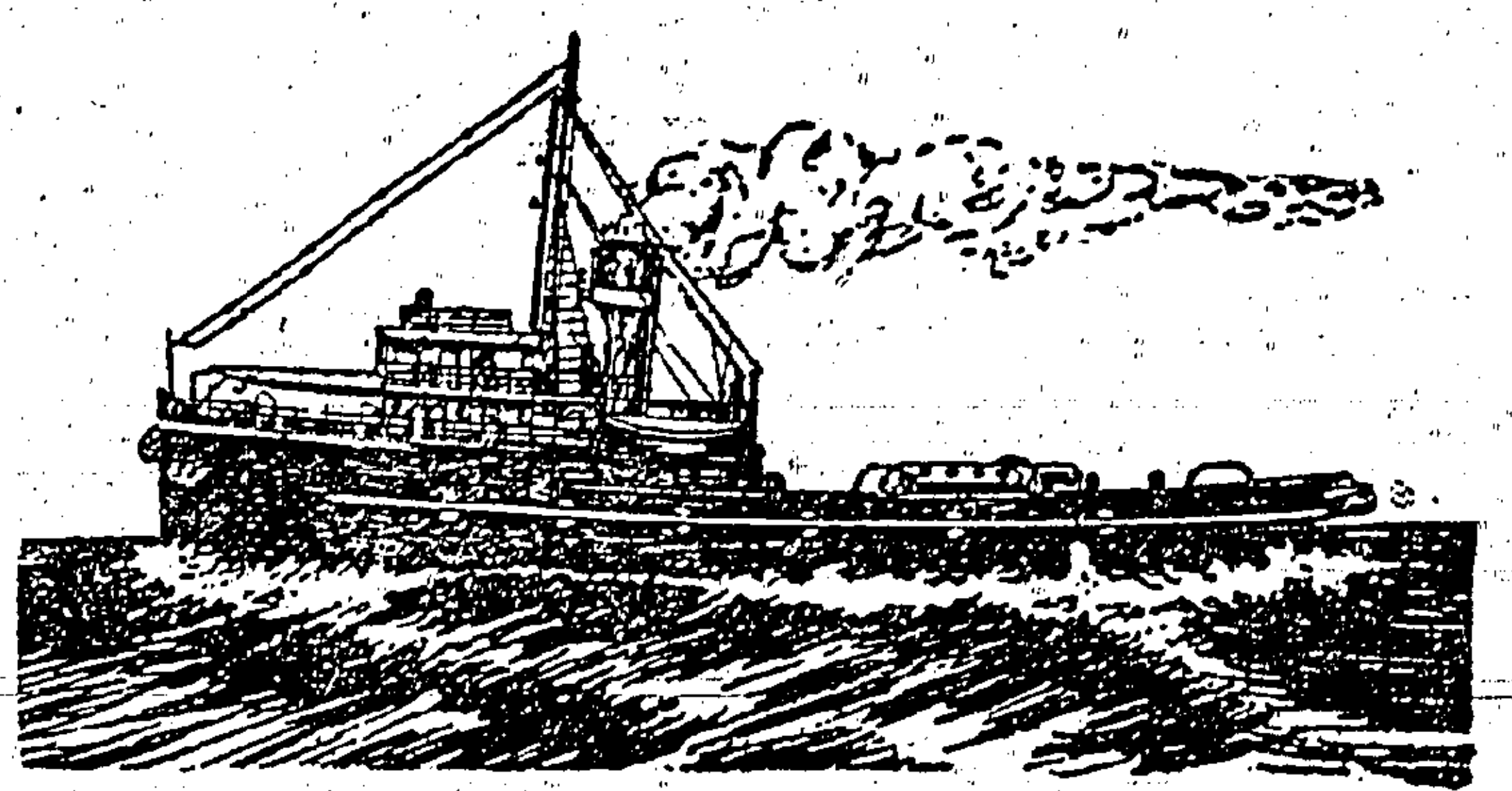
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St. Albans, Sept. 27th.
Tanda, Nov. 7th.
Glen Line.
Carmarthenshire, to-day.
Carmarthenshire, Oct. 27th.
Glenline, Sept. 25th.
Glenline, Nov. 10th.
Glenline, Oct. 18th.
Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linie.
Ermland, Nov. 23rd.
Hessen, Sept. 27th.
Preussen, Oct. 25th.
Ramses, Nov. 7th.
Sachsen, Oct. 12th.
Java-China-Japan Line.
Baron-Inchepe, to-day.
Tijlbad, Oct. 10th.
Tijlbad, Sept. 20th.
Tijlbad, Oct. 10th.
Tijlbad, Oct. 10th.
Tijlbad, to-morrow.
Tijlbad, Oct. 2nd.
Tijlbad, Sept. 26th.
Messageries Maritimes.
Capitaine Faure, Sept. 25th.
D'Arctagan, Sept. 27th.
General Metinger, Oct. 11th.
Portus, Nov. 8th.

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CANTON ... "WAISHING" Tuesday, 20th Sept., at mid-night.
SHANGHAI ... "YATSHING" Wednesday, 21st Sept., at 10 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, MOJI & KOBE ... "HOSANG" Sunday, 25th Sept., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW ... "WAISHING" Sunday, 25th Sept., at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI ... "MAUSANG" Tuesday, 27th Sept., at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW ... "HOPSANG" Wednesday, 28th Sept., at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI ... "CHAKSANG" Sunday, 2nd Oct., at 10 a.m.
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S.S. "FULDA" ... 21st Nov., "	19th Nov., "	
S.S. "TRIER" ... 19th Dec., "	17th Dec., "	
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EMPERESS OF CANADA	Dec. 7	Dec. 10	Dec. 13	Dec. 16	Dec. 23
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Jan. 4	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Jan. 22
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 12
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MISHIMA MARU ... Friday, 21st Oct.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
HAKONE MARU ... Monday, 18th Sept, Noon.
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S.S. "OLDEKERK" ... 17th October.
S.S. "GEMMA" ... 15th November.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL & THROUGH CARGOES DECREASED.

ONLY TWELVE ARRIVALS.

There were only twelve vessels arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, and freights brought for the Colony and other ports were above the average.

There were only 5,983 tons of freight imported, with 1,730 tons contributed by three British vessels. The best carrier was the s.s. *Mand* from Keelung, with 3,137 tons.

Through cargoes amounted to 3,698 tons. Three British steamers accounted for 1,133 tons. The Japanese ship *Aki Maru* from Melbourne and Manila topped the list with 1,503 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	1
Japanese	2	1
Norwegian	2	2
Chinese	3	2
Dutch	0	1
French	0	1
German	1	1
Total	12	15

Cargo Carriers.

S.S. *Malua* (British) from London and Singapore, 730 tons general for Hong Kong and 500 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Anking* (British) from Singapore and Amoy, 700 tons firewood for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Liangshue* (British) from Shanghai, 320 tons general for Hong Kong and 235 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Hanyang* (British) from Canton, 201 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Emil Kirkdorf* (German) from Hamburg and Singapore, 300 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Maud* (Norwegian) from Keelung, 3,137 tons coal for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Lushan Maru* (Japanese) from Canton, 97 tons fruits for other ports.

S.S. *Aki Maru* (Japanese) from Melbourne and Manila, 419 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,503 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Devanah* (Chinese) from Swatow, 2 tons paper for Hong Kong and 370 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Wing Wo* (Chinese) from Fort Bayard, 260 tons general for Hong Kong.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kidderpore* left Shanghai for Hong Kong on Friday at 7 a.m., with the mails, and is due here on Monday at about 6 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan*, from Hong Kong, arrived in London on September 15th, at noon.

DAILY-WATERFRONT NEWS.

SALVAGING THE "LEYDEN."

"ANJOU" RESUMES.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The s.s. *Anjou*, a river steamer plying on the Hong Kong-Kong-moon run, has now left dock, after repairs following a break-down, and she has been put on her usual run.

Mails.

The P. & O. s.s. *Devanah* leaves for Home to-day with the outward Home and Europe mails. The mail closes (for letters) at 10 a.m. at Kowloon P. O. and 10.30 a.m. at the G.P.O. Mail for Europe via Siberia also closes to-day at 10 a.m., and will be despatched on the *Comarthen*. On Monday mail goes out via Siberia on the *Hakone Maru*, which is due in port tomorrow. The *President Cleveland* is due from the North tomorrow with Canadian, American, Northern and European via Siberia mail, while the *President Lincoln* and *Rhazeno* take Home mail via America and Siberia, and via Suez, respectively on Tuesday.

Would-be Suicide.

A young Chinese who jumped into the harbour from Blake Pier was hauled out of the water by the crew of a motor boat, and handed over to an Indian constable. He was later taken to hospital.

A Sea Tragedy.

GIBRALTAR, August 30th. Mr. John Stewart, a first-class passenger on the P. & O. liner *Narkunda*, jumped overboard last evening.

The Fourth Engineer dived to his rescue, but both were drowned.

Mr. Stewart, who was proceeding to Fremantle, was accompanied by his wife and two children. According to Mrs. Stewart, deceased had been suffering from insomnia and neurasthenia.

At the inquest, a verdict was returned that Stewart had committed suicide while temporarily insane. The tragedy occurred off Cape St. Vincent in very foggy weather.

Salvaging the "Leyden."

A rough estimate made by an official of the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific company, owners of the steam tug *Leyden*, which sank at the entrance to the Rassing river in August, places the aggregate expenses for salvaging the boat, at P.2,000.

This sum, according to the estimate, includes diving expenses, derrick work, labour, and explosives. Considerable headway was made last Friday in the blasting of the *Leyden*, and officials of the firm expressed the belief that the entire undertaking would be completed this week.

The bulk of the vessel was practically recovered last Friday. Only the engine parts and boiler, the most important portions of the ship are to be salvaged. Sixty-three sticks of explosives were used by the workmen in demolishing the vessel. The work was done by 17 men.

Chinese Deck Passengers.

The total number of Chinese deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 214.

H.M.S. "RODNEY."

H.M.S. *Rodney*, the largest warship ever seen in the Mersey, recently left the yard of the builders, Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co., Ltd., Birkenhead, for Portsmouth. The *Rodney* has been under construction for over four and a half years, having been laid down in December, 1922. She was launched by Princess Mary on December 17th, 1923, and has cost £7,000,000. She has a length of 702 feet, a breadth of 100 feet, and the displacement is 35,000 tons. She is driven by geared turbines with oil-fired boilers.

She has three turrets forward, each of which contains three 16-inch guns, and at the stern there are two six-inch guns. She also has a number of 4.7-inch guns and other smaller weapons. On her voyage to Portsmouth the *Rodney* is to be manned by a crew of 850, but when put into commission she will have a complement of 1,200.

VESSELS IN PORT.

The following were the vessels in port up to 9 a.m. yesterday:—
British: *Hang Sang, Pong Tong, Cheong Shing, Horner, Ling Nam, Sumatra, Takko, Sang Bee, Tehang, Kiangsu, Taikoo, Wangi, King Yung, Changchow, Yungchow, Kwangtung, Kudat, Chiller, Anking, Lingchow.*

Norwegian: *Maud, Dur, Hall-dor, Suriken, Hermes, Haidrot, Halden.*

German: *Dorrie.*

Japanese: *Lushan Maru, Aki Maru, Kaijo Maru, Kachosan Maru, Shinyo Maru, Nishin Maru, Anyo Maru.*

Chinese: *Devanah, Wing Wo, Haiman, Fuh Tai, Tai Fook Sing, Chung Woo, Phranang, Confucius, Lee Cheong, Gen. H. Hunt, Gen. H. Kwan, Man Sun.*

Dutch: *Hankow, Jan, Otto, Hong Kong.*

Portuguese: *Cos, Shing Cheong, Kong On, King On.*

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships in port yesterday were: North Wall Basin, *Tarantula*, South Wall Basin, *Serpis, Seraph, East Wall Basin, Onslaught, L15, L19*; North Arm, *Keppel*; West Wall Dock, *Durban*; In Dock, *Sirdar, Robin, Taikoo, Dock, Peter, Tern, Kowloon, Dock, Magnolia*; No. 4 buoy, *Calliope*; No. 13 buoy, *Ruthenia*; No. 25 buoy, *Karl*.

Foreign Men-of-War:—U.S.S. *Escherville, U.S.S. Helena, French, Argui.*

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR SEPTEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Sept. 17th	6.11 a.m.	6.39 p.m.
18th	6.11	6.25
19th	6.11	6.21
20th	6.11	6.23
21st	6.11	6.22
22nd	6.12	6.21
23rd	6.12	6.20
24th	6.12	6.17
25th	6.12	6.17
26th	6.13	6.17
27th	6.13	6.16
28th	6.14	6.15
29th	6.14	6.14
30th	6.14	6.13

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S.S. "CITY OF LINCOLN" ... via Suez Canal ... 28th September
S.S. "CITY OF EASTBOURNE" ... via Suez Canal ... 6th November
S.S. "CITY OF WELLINGTON" ... via Suez Canal ... 20th November

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M.V. "FORREBANK" ... via Suez Canal ... 15th November

MAURITIUS & SOUTH AFRICA ORIENTAL AFRICAN LINE
S.S. "TINHOW" ... From Hong Kong ... 10th November

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"NYANZA"	7,023	12th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,986	15th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
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"KASHMIR"	8,985	29th Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hall.
"MACE DONIA"	11,120	12th Nov.	Marseilles and London.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	20th Nov.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	10th Dec.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,933	7th Jan., 1928	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANEA"	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACE DONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
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"KASHMIR"	8,985	30th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ANAPYRA"	6,000	4th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MACE DONIA"	11,120	15th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"JEYFORE"	8,313	25th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	29th Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,906	31st Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	12th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	14th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MURKA"	10,933	10th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th Dec.	do.
"DEVANEA"	8,155	24th Dec.	do.
"MALWA"	10,986	7th Jan., 1928	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	21st Jan.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACE DONIA"	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	18th Feb.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,946	25th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar.	do.</

